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2024 Goals

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 1, 2024
Goals

Do you set any genealogy goals? For the past few years, I've been creating annual goals. While I haven't been able to complete those goals, they have helped me stay focused. Thus, I will continue to create annual goals.

Purge / Cull

A new goal for 2024 is to reduce the amount of paper in my genealogy collection. Ideally, I would like to get rid of one file drawer of paper over the year. This will involve making sure everything is scanned and that the documents are sourced in my file.

Descendancy Research

Over the years, I have found that the more I know about descendants, the easier it is to locate information about the ancestor. In addition, this resarch helps me identify my DNA matches. This year, my goal includes some CRAWFORD yDNA match lines along with my own ancestral lines.

- John Burke
- Eli Bland
- Hampton Crandall
- Alexander Crawford (of Lincoln County KY)
- Edward Crawford (of Overton, TN)

Crawford Research

As I'm still trying to break thru that Crawfod brick wall, I want to do more digging into county records for the various Crawford lines.

- Lincoln County, Kentucky
- Pulaski County, Kentucky
- Rockcastle County, Kentucky
- Montgomery County, Virginia
- Botetourt County, Virginia
- Augusta County, Virginia

As I work on these goals, I will continue to share my research via online trees and this blog.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 2, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Private John I Dailey

Private John Dailey, 38, Killed on Western Front

> Private First Class John I. Dailey, 38-year-old army infantryman was killed in action in Germany on Dec. 21, according to word received last night by his wife, Mrs. Nina Dailey, 1201 South Nineteenth street.
> Prior to his induction on July 9, 1943, Private Dailey was employed as rural paper carrier for The Gazette and News-Press and maintained the route in the vicinity of Sabetha, Kan. He was inducted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was sent to Camp Hahn, Cal, for basic training.
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> *St. Joseph Gazette (St. Joseph, MO) 5 Jan 1945, pge 2*

News of Men and Women in Uniform

Former Gazette Carrier Was Killed in Action
Pvt. John Dailey, Brother of Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson

> St. Joseph papers carried news Friday of the death of John Dailey, Pfc. in the U.S. Army, in action, December 21 in Germany. Word was received by his wife, Thursday night at her home in St. Joseph.
> The Gazette stated that before his induction in July 1943, Dailey was employed as rural paper carrier for the Gazette and News-Press and maintained the route in the vicinity of Sabetha and Bern. He went overseas in October. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother and a brother of Arkansas and two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson, Seneca.
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> *The Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 8 Jan 1945, page 1*

Private John Dailey, 38, Infantryman, Killed; Was Bethany Youth

> Entered Service from St. Joseph Where wife, the Former Nina Williams, Survives — Mother in Arkansas
>
> St. Joseph newspapers of Friday reported the death in action Dec. 21 in Germany of Pvt. John Dailey, 38 years old, of that city, whose youth and younger manhood were spent in the Bethany community.
> His wife, the former Miss Nina Williams, daughter of MR. and Mrs. Fletcher Williams, was reared here by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester bacon, sr., and she was known to many as Nina Bacon. She now lives at 1201 South 19th street, St. Joseph.
> Pvt. Daily was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dailey, who removed from here to Beloit, Kan., and who also lived at Sabetha, Kan., before going to south Missouri, where Charley died. The mother, Minnie Dailey, now resides at Green Forest, Ark. A brother, Edward, also survives there and two surviving sisters are Mrs. Edith Dodd of Beloit, Kan, and Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson of Seneca, Kan.
> At the time Pvt Daily, an infantryman, was inducted July 9, 1943, he was a rural newspaper carrier for the St. Joseph News-Press and Gazette. He visited relatives and others at Bethany shortly before his induction, while he was awaiting his call.
> The Daily family lived both east of Bethany and northeast of here, in the Lorraine neighborhood, when John Dailey was a boy and young man.
>
> *Bethany Republican-Clipper (Bethany, Missouri) 10 Jan 1945, page 1*

Men in the Service

John Dailey Dies in Germany

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> In Sabetha, Mr. and Mrs. Dailey lived in the former Williamson house on the corer of 7th and Virginia streets just

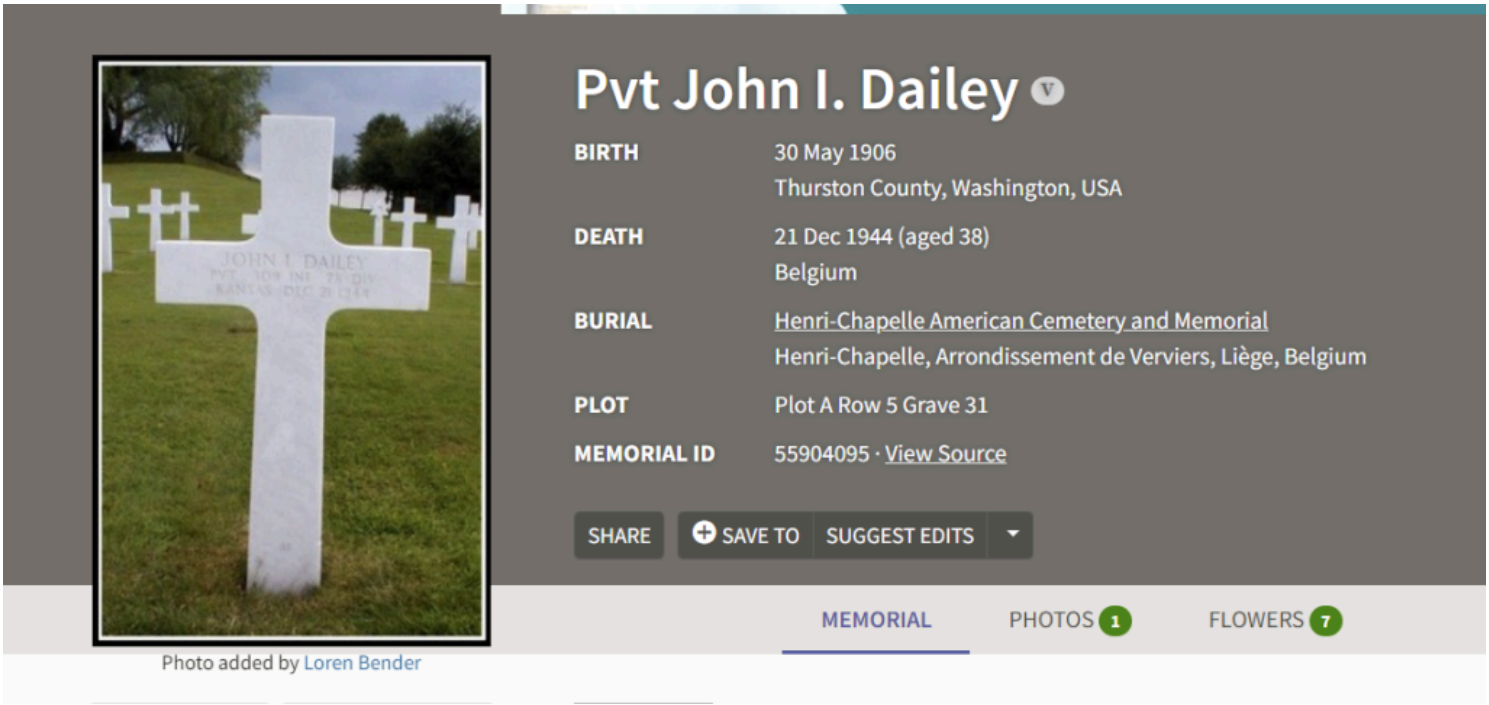
before leaving here. Previous to that they lived in one of the Hook cottages. Mrs. Dailey phoned Albert Miller at the Standard Station telling him of the news she received from the government.

The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, Kansas) 10 Jan 1945, page 1

John I. Dailey is buried in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium. His Find a Grave record provides information about his military service.

John I. Dailey
Private, U.S. Army
Service # 37533185
309th Infantry Regiment, 78th Infantry Division
Entered the Service from: Kansas
Died: 21-Dec-44
Buried at: Plot A Row 5 Grave 31
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium
Awards: Purple Heart
****
NARA records list this soldiers Home of Record as Nemaha County, Kansas…Killed In Action.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55904095/john-i-dailey



There is a Facebook group for the 309th Infantry Regiment, 78th Infantry Division in World War II.

Culling / Purging

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 3, 2024
Goals

Have you scanned the paper documents in your genealogy files? If so, did you keep the paper copies or discard them?

This is apparently a 'hot button' topic in the genealogy world right now. In mid December, the British government proposed digitizing wills and destroying the originals. This created lots of discussion on X (Twitter) and other sites.

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ose horrified (frustrated, angry, shocked) the government plans to de. y original copies of post-1800 wills (with only 'famous' wills retained) follow the link below to comment on the consultation!! #archives #history #twitterstorians #archivists
GOV.UK
gov.uk
Storage and retention of original will documents
A consultation on storage and retention of wills and other documents submitted in applications for ...
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7.8K
Dec 16
The government proposes destroying millions of wills dating back to the 1800's. Here are my thoughts on this folly, with details on how to participate in the consultation, closing 23 Feb 2024
#FamilyHistory #LocalHistory #RecordDestruction #Probate #Wills
Last
pasttopresentgenealogy.co.uk

About the same time, Michael John Neill shared a Genealogy Tip of the Day, Cull Your Digital Images and Photos, arguing that we don't need to keep every snapshot ever taken. Then the Genealogy Tip of the Day Facebook group had a post about a scrapbook containing childhood memories. There was almost universal agreement to scan the scrapbook with many of the commentors arguing to keep the scrapbook.

So what is one to do? Keep or cull (purge) our paper and/or digital genealogy files? When I first started considering this question, I had two four drawer filing cabinets full of paper documents plus two bookcases full of family notebooks. Knowing that my neices and nephew would not have room for all of this paper, I started scanning that paper. In the process, I discarded *some* of that paper.

While I still have the bookcases of family notebooks, I am down to about three drawers in a filing cabinet. Even though there may be photocopies of deeds, wills, letters, etc. that may help another researcher buried in those files, it is of no help stored away in my filing cabinet.

Thus, one of my goals for 2024 is to go thru those drawers and

- make sure the documents are scanned
- make sure the document is sourced in my RootsMagic tree and that the image is attached
- use RootsMagic's TreeShare to upload those new sources to my online tree
- upload images of documents not readily available to 'memories' for the person on the FamilySearch tree
- share some of those documents thru this blog
- discard my photocopy

I doubt I will make it thru all three drawers. Thus, my goal will be to process everything but my Crawford and Curry research.

Message Boards – Bland Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 4, 2024
Bland,Kentucky

Do you remember Ancestry Message Boards? As I was 'purging' my folder of BLAND research, I came across a printout of a 1999 message from the BLAND board that is a transcription of a will.

RootsWeb Message Boards - Message [Will of John Bland of Nelson Co., KY]

Boards > Surnames > Bland
URL: http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=message&r=rw&p=surnames.bland&m=649

Subject: Will of John Bland of Nelson Co., KY
Author:
Date: 04 Nov 1999 12:00 PM GMT
Email:

Will Book A, Page 166, dated October 5, 1795,
Nelson County, KY. Probated December 8, 1795

"In the name of God, Amen. This fifth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five, I, John BLAND of the County of Nelson, State of Kentucky, being in a weak and low state of health....do constitute, make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. It is my will that Margret, my dearly beloved wife inherit all my estate, both real and person, all moveable or immoveable....it is my will that my eldest son, Osborn BLAND be paid twenty pounds cash out of my estate at the decease of my wife Margret...it is my will that my eldest daughter, Prudence SMITH wife to Fleming SMITH, be paid five pounds specia in like manner as above...it is my will that my son Samuel BLAND be paid thirty pounds specia in like manner...it is my will that my son John BLAND shall have a conveyance of a part of a tract of land I purchased of James DAVIS....it is my will that my two sons Isaac and Elijah BLAND have the remaining part of the land I now hold on the waters of Simpsons Creek, at the decease of my wife Margaret, also one negro each of them is to have of the increase of my negro woman Seicy.
...it is my will that the remaining part of my moveable estate together with my real estate is to be equally divided among six of my chidren: Mildred HUGHES, Daniel BLAND, William BLAND, John BLAND, Frances HUGHES and Molly RANDOLPH.....it is my will that Nancy BLAND, daughter to Henry BLAND is to have twenty pounds specia which is to come out of Mildred HUGHES part of my estate....it is my will that my wife Margret together with Daniel and John BLAND, my two sons, be executors whom I do constitute and appoint of this my last will and testament.....I have hereinto set my hand and seal this day and date first written. Signed, John Bland

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:
Anthony THOMPSON, Henry TINKINSON, Elizabeth TINKINSON.

At a court held for Nelson Co., on the 8th day of December 1795, this last will and testament of John Bland, deceased was proved by the oaths of Anthony Thompson, Henry Tinkinson and Elizabeth Tinkinson subscribing witness thereto and sworn to by Margaret Bland, Daniel Bland and John Bland executors therein and ordered.

Attest: Benjamin Grayson, Co., Clerk, State of Kentucky, County of Nelson.

Thankfully, the person who shared this transcription provided the source information. While the page for Nelson County, Kentucky indicates the wills have not been digitized, I was able to locate them by browsing the Kentucky State Probate Records 1727-1990.

Weirdly, the cover of the book is the last image on the roll. The lowest page numbers are on the end of the roll with higher page numbers closer to the beginning of the film.

> Kentucky Probate Records, 1727-1990
> Nelson County
> Will Records, 1785-1830, Vol. A
>
> NOTE: Cover of book is last image on roll. Book is filmed in reverse order.
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> Image 393 – page 166
>
> In the name of God, Amen. This fifth day of
> October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hun

dred Ninety-five, I, John BLAND of the County of Nelson
& State of Kentucky, being in a weak and low state of health
but of perfect mind & Memory & Calling to mind the morta
lity of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die I do constitute, make and ordain this
to be my last will and testament Princippally and
first I freely give & recommend my soul into the hands
of Almighty God who gave it me my body I recommend
to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent
manner at the direction of my Executor nothing dou
bling but at the Great Resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the might power of God who gave it me
and as Touching such wordly Estate as it hath pleased
God to bestow on me in this life I do give device and dis
pose of in manner & form following Viz

It first it is my will that Margret, my dearly
beloved wife for her support during her natural life do inherit

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To Wit: all my estate, both real and person, all moveable or
immoveable unless such [moietys' as in this shall be hereafter
mentioned to be given to my other hiers of my sd Estate and after
her death metnion to be made how to divide the same equal
ly agreeable to my will and pleasure
Item secondly it is my will that my eldest son, Osborn BLAND
be paid twenty pounds cash out of my sd estate at the de
cease of my dearly beloved wife Margret Item Thirdly it is
my will that my eldest daughter, Prudence SMITH wife to
Fleming SMITH, be paid five pounds specia in like manner
as above in case any of her hiers should ever come after the
same and if not the same to be equally divided among my
other heirs
Item fourthly it is my will that my son Samuel BLAND be
paid thirty pounds specia to be paid in like manner as
above specified Item fifthly it is my will that my son
John BLAND shall have a conveyance of a part of a tract of
land I purchased of James DAVIS with Jesse Dvis his secu
rity which conveyance I do alloy my exeuctor s to make to
my said son John agreeable to a bond In now have on this sd

Page 168 — (image 392)
James & Jesse Davis sd land to begin at a Dogwood and Sugar
tree corner to John Jenkinson and running with his line
N> 70.6 degrees 124 to a walnut and two red buds standing in sd
Jenkinsons line thence No E 78 poles to one other line
in sd survey thence with two other lines of sd survey to the
Beginning.
Item Sixthly it is my will that my two sons Isaac &
Elijah BLAND have the remaining part of the land
I now hold on the waters of Simsons Creek, at the decease of
my dearly beloved wife Margret, also one negro each
of them is to have of the increase of my negrese woman
Lucy whit it is my will that Isaac is to have the choice
of the same Isaac and Elijah is to pay forty pounds to the
specia remaining part of my estate to be paid in one
year after the decrease of my wife Margret
Item Seventhly it is my will that the remaining part
of my moveable estate together with my real estate is to
be equally divided among six of my children named
Mildred HUGHES, Daniel BLAND, William BLAND, John
BLAND, Frances HUGHES and Molly RANDOLPH.
Item Eigthly it is my will that Nancy Bland daugh

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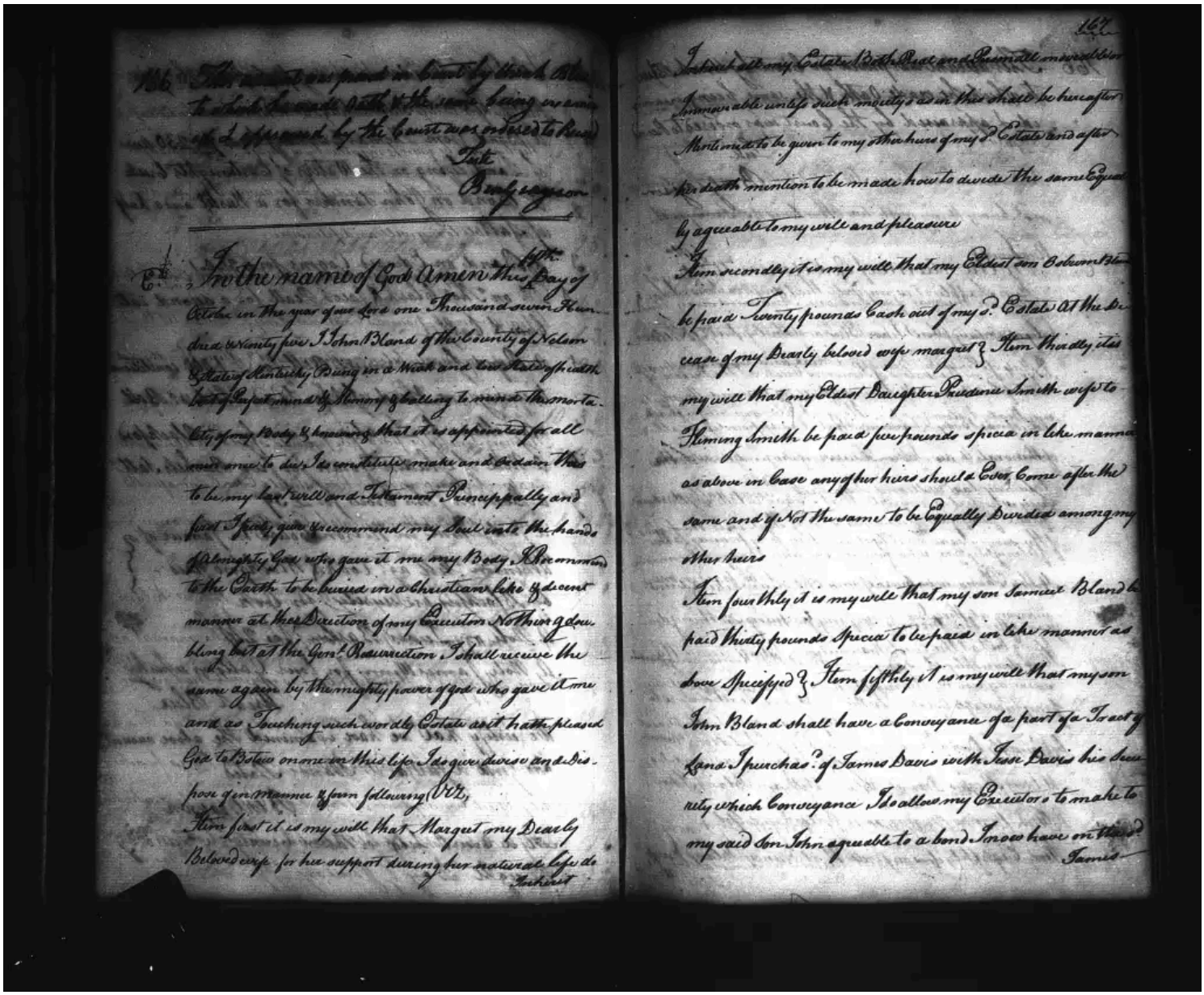
ter to Henry Bland is to have twenty pounds specia which
is to come out of Mildred Hughes part of my Estate
Item Ninthly and lastly it is my will that my dearly belov
ed wife Margret together with Daniel and John BLAND,
my two sons, be executors whom I do constitute and ap
point of this my last will and testament and I also do
Revoke and Disannul all and every other will or wills le
gacy or legacys or bequeath made by me ratifying and
confirming thus to be my last will and testament. In wit
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day
and date first written.
John Bland (seal)
Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:
Anthony THOMPSON,
Henry JENKINSON, (or possibly Tinkinson)
Elizabeth JENKINSON.
At a court held for Nelson Co., on the 8th day of Dec
ember 1795, this last will and testament of John
Bland, deceased was proved by the oaths of Anthony Thompson, Henry Tinkinson and Elizabeth Tinkinson subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to by Margret Bland, Daniel
Bland and John Bland Exors therein named and ordered.

page 170 (image 391)
Ordered to be recorded
Teste Ben Grayson, Co Clk

Kentucky Probate Records, 1727-1990, John Bland, 1795; Nelson County, Book A, pages 166-170; Database with images, FamilySearch (familysearch.org : viewed online 18 December 2023).



186 This Instrument of writing was proved in Court by the Oath of [illegible] to which he made Oath & the same being examined & fully understood by the Court was ordered to be Recorded

Test

Benj Grayson

In the name of God Amen this 14th Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred & Ninety five I John Bland of the County of Nelson & State of Kentucky Being in a Weak and low State of health but of perfect mind & Memory & calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do constitute make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament Principally and first I freely give & recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the Direction of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the Gen.l Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God who gave it me and as Touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I dispose devise and dispose of in the Manner & form following Viz,

Item first it is my will that Margret my Dearly Beloved wife for her support during her natural Life the Interest

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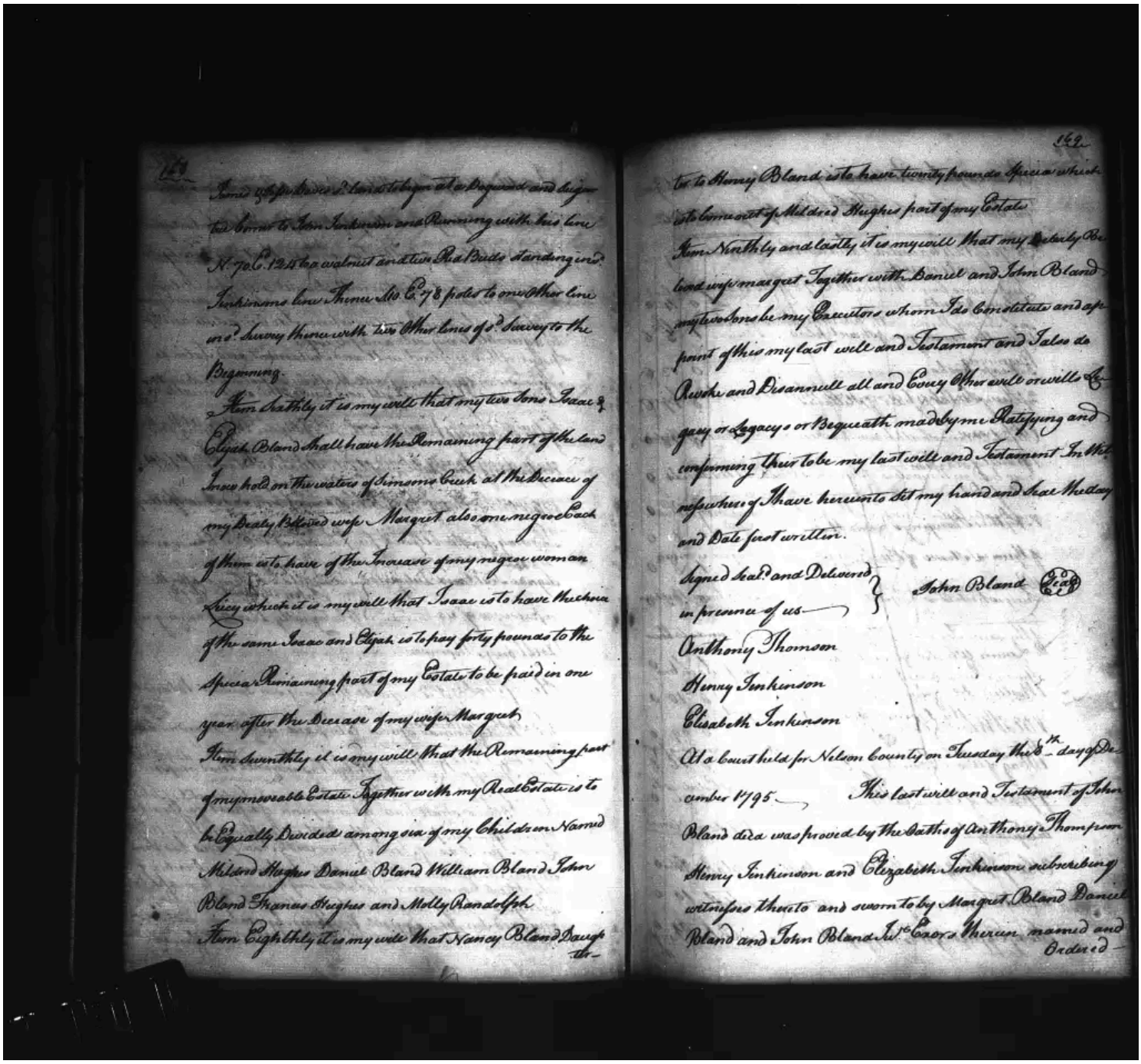
of all my Estate Both Real and Personall moveable & immoveable until such money as in this shall be hereafter Mentioned to be given to my other heirs of my s.d Estate and after her death mention to be made how to devide the same Equally & agreable to my will and pleasure

Item secondly it is my will that my Eldest son Obrum Bland be paid Twenty pounds Cash out of my s.d Estate At the Decease of my Dearly beloved wife Margret & Item thirdly it is my will that my Eldest Daughter Prudence Smith wife to Fleming Smith be paid five pounds specia in like manner as above in case any other heirs should Come after the same and if Not the same to be Equally Divided among my other heirs

Item fourthly it is my will that my son Samuel Bland be paid Thirty pounds Specia to be paid in like manner as above Specified & Item fifthly it is my will that my son John Bland shall have a Conveyance of a part of a Tract of Land I purchas.d of James Davis with Jesse Davis his deputy which Conveyance I do allow my Executors to make to my said Son John agreable to a bond I now have on the s.d James



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Item 6th I give devise & bequeath to my Beloved wife Margret Bland the Plantation whereon I now live Containing by Estimation one hundred & Seventy Acres be the same more or less Bounded as follows Viz Beginning at a Dogwood and Sugar tree Corner to John Jenkinsons and Running with his line N. 70 E. 124 Poles to a walnut and two Red Buds standing in s.d Jenkinsons line Thence N.10 E. 78 poles to one other line of s.d Survey Thence with two other lines of s.d Survey to the Beginning.

Item 7thly it is my will that my two Sons Isaac & Elijah Bland shall have the Remaining part of the land I now hold on the waters of Simsons Creek at the Decease of my Dearly Beloved wife Margret also one negro Each of them is to have of the Increase of my negro woman Lucy which it is my will that Isaac is to have the choice of the same Isaac and Elijah is to pay forty pounds to the Speciall Remaining part of my Estate to be paid in one year after the Decease of my wife Margret

Item Seventhly it is my will that the Remaining part of my moveable Estate Together with my Real Estate is to be Equally Divided among six of my Children Named Milcah Hughes Daniel Bland William Bland John Bland Thanes Hughes and Molly Randolph

Item Eighthly it is my will that Nancy Bland Daughter to Henry Bland is to have twenty pounds Specie which is to be out of Milcah Hughes part of my Estate

Item Ninthly and Lastly it is my will that my Dearly Beloved wife Margret Together with Daniel and John Bland my two Sons be my Executors whom I do Constitute and appoint of this my last will and Testament and I also do Revoke and Disannull all and Every other will or wills Legacy or Legacys or Bequeath made by me Ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and Date first written.

Signed Seal'd and Delivered in presence of us — John Bland (Seal)

Anthony Thomson

Henry Jenkinson

Elizabeth Jenkinson

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At a Court held for Nelson County on Tuesday the 8th day December 1795 — This last will and Testament of John Bland dec'd was proved by the Oaths of Anthony Thompson Henry Jenkinson and Elizabeth Jenkinson subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to by Margret Bland Daniel Bland and John Bland Jr. Exors therein named and Ordered

Friday Finds

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 5, 2024
Bland,Missouri

Today's find comes from a letter written to the Recorder of Deeds for Platte County, Missouri in 1998 when copies of deeds for Matthew M. Bland were requested. Below is the transcription of the deed from Book C pages 387-388.

> Platte County Missouri
> Deed Book C
> pages 387-388
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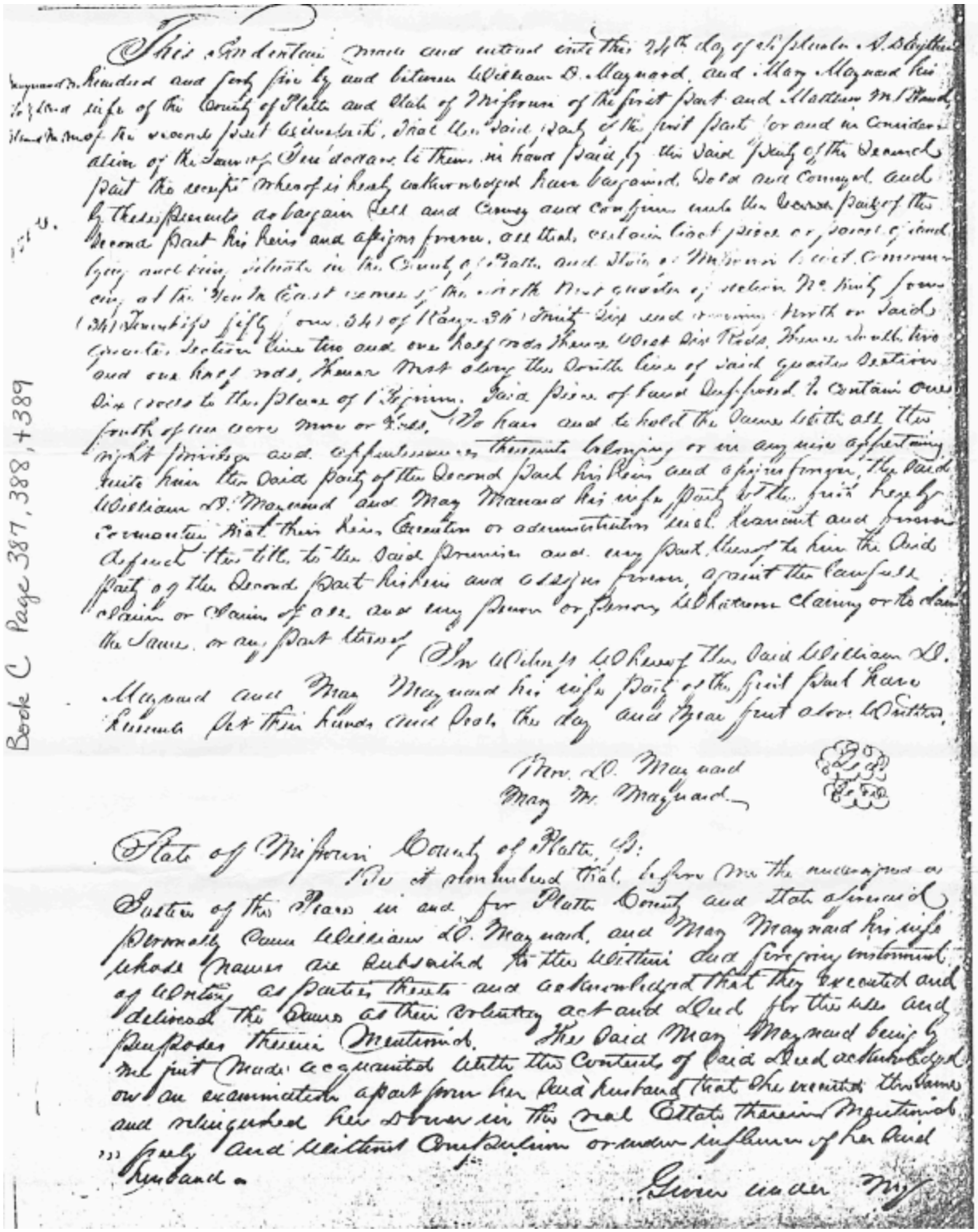
> This Indenture mad and entered into this 24th day of September AD Eighteen hundred and forty five by and between William D. Maynard and Mary Maynard his wife of the county of Platte and State of Missouri of the first part and Matthew M Bland of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consider ation of the sum of [ten] dollars to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents do bargain sell and convey and confirm unto the party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever all that certain tract piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in the county of Platte and state of Missouri to wit commen cing at the [north] east corner of the north west quarter of section no thirty four (34) township fifty four (54) of range (36) thirty six and [running] north on said quarter section line two and one half rods thence west six rods thence south two and one half rods thence west along the south line of said quarter section six rods to the place of beginning. said piece of land supposed to contain one fourth of an acre more or less To have and to hold the same with all the right privilege and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever the said William D. Maynard and May Manard his wife party of the first hereby [consenting] that their heirs executors or administrators will warrant and forever defend the title to the said premises and every part thereof to him the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof
> In witness whereof the said William D
> Maynard and May Maynard his wife party of the first part have
> hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.
> Wm D Maynard (seal)
> May M Maynard (seal)
>
> State of Missouri, County of Platte
> Be it remembered that before me the undersigned a
> Justice of the Peace in and for Platte County and State aforesaid
> personally came William D. Maynard and May Maynard his wife
> whose names are subscribed to the within and foregoing instrument
> of writing as parties thereto and acknowledged that they executed and
> delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and
> purposes therein mentioned. The said May Maynard being by
> me first made acquainted with the contents of said deed acknowledged
> on an examination apart form her said husband that she executed the same
> and relinquished her dower in the real estate therein mentioned
> freely and without compulsion or under influence of her said
> husband.
> Given under my



Book C Page 387, 388, +389

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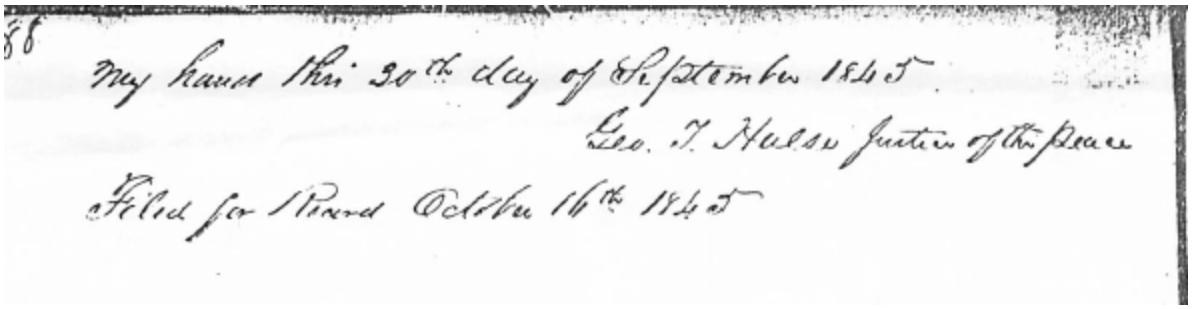
my had this 30th day of September 1845
Geo T. Hulse Justice of the Peace
Filed for Record October 16th 1845

Platte County Missouri, Deeds, Book C, pages 387-388, 24 September 1845; Recorder of Deeds, Platte County Courthouse.



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My hand this 30th day of September 1865

Geo. T. Nelson Justice of the Peace

Filed for Record October 16th 1865

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 6, 2024
Nemaha County

Nemaha County (KS) 1940 Draft Order
(Official List Continued)

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164 Edward Alvin Schmits
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166 Robert Bruner Elliott
167 William Arthur Mincher
168 Herbert Charles Showman
169 William J. H. Gilbert
170 Donald Henry Fox
171 Benedict Clement Strathman
172 Ralph Riley Brown
173 Emil John Hulsing
174 Alfred Mathias Lueb
175 Wilbur Gale Baskett
176 Virgil Theodore Kelley
177 Edward Bernard Schmitz
178 Joby Carl Haynes
179 Albert Frank Tangeman
180 Edward Ralph Flaherty
181 Wayne W. Donaldson
182 Jap D. Walden Jr
183 Albert Peter Broxterman
184 Eddie Eldon Schoonover
185 Erich Gottlieb Epple
186 Bernard August Stegeman
187 Arthur Collier
188 Frank Edwin Callahan
189 Marvin [?]ter Cottrell
190 Leroy James Meyer
191 Charles Arthur Frye
192 Charles Joseph Carroll
193 Keith Leonard baugh
194 Joseph Alfard Barrett
195 Eldon E. Schoen
196 Henry August Runnebaum

197 Emery LeRoy Showman
198 Harold CLowe
199 James Eugene Severin
200 Clarence Jesse Hamilton
201 Herman Menold
202 Glenn Thomas Holsapple
203 Paul Edward Hill
204 Loren F. Lancaster
205 Leonard Ralph Wade
206 Ignatius Joseph Rettele
207 Edwin Adam Henninger
208 Carl Reinhard Brunkow
209 Howard LeRoy Harter
210 Raphael P. Broxterman
211 Byron Donald Nightingale
212 William Clark Hord
213 Lloyd Walter Robbins
214 Cyril Wilhelm
215 Charles Richard Haug
216 Raphael Lee Dalsing
217 Sylvester Peter Lierz
208 John Thomas Keating
219 Raymond Roscoe Benedict
220 Herbert Raymond Atkeson
221 Frank Joseph Steinlage
222 William John Buessing
223 Harold O. Woolsoncroft
224 Maurice Costello Taylor
225 Vincent Bernard Dalsing
226 Reginald Daring Ayers
227 Lloyd Ronald Allison
228 Donald Lewis Moler
229 Walter Arthur Surdez
230 William Arthur Metzger
231 Harry Harlan Mosier
232 Hugh Harold Mize
233 Urie Berton Smirl
234 William Baxter Stanton
235 Alfred Joseph Koch
236 Wilbur Paul Roever
237 Lawrence Francis Krogman
238 George Walter Stuke
239 Joseph Locher
240 Howard I Gallagher
241 Gilbert Edward Koch
242 Bernard Anthony Huerter
243 Delmer Arnold Fletchall
244 Callistus Clement Bergman
245 Lawrence John Haug
246 Oscar Clair Strahm
247 Frank J. Broxterman
248 Joseph Andrew Heinen
249 Roy Alvin DeGroff
250 Carl Herman Boltz

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 7, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Ellen Thompson-Jennings posted an interesting question last week in Best Genealogy Find of 2023.

2) What was your very best genealogy finds in 2023? Elusive ancestors? Hard-to-find records? Family photographs? Family stories? Family artifacts? New cousins?

While this prompt might be easy to answer for some, my first reaction was I have no idea. Since I don't keep a formal 'research log', identifying 2023 'bests' is difficult. Then I realized that I do have a record of my 'bests'. My daily blog posts are a record of my genealogy activity. Thus, I took a glance at my archives to come up with my BESTS.

Elusive Ancestor: Tenuous Connections (posted 25 Jan 2023) about my Harris to Low Dutch connection

Elusive Ancestor: Low Dutch (posted 26 Jan 2023) -Demarest

Hard-to-find Records: Corn Stalk Militia (posted 19 Jan 2023)

Family Stories: My Capture and Imprisonment (posted 27 Feb 2023) poem written by my 2nd great grandfather, Washington Marion Crawford about his time in Andersonville.

Elusive Ancestor: Ostrander Find (posted 20 Feb 2023)

Hard to Find Records: Nafus Will (posted 20 April 2023)

Family Stories: Hoover Mine (posted 3 May 2023) – includes information about a gold mine owned by Noah Briles.

Family Stories: Foster Cabin (posted 26 July 2023)

Hard to Find Records: Beekman Patent Kennedys (posted 13 Jul 2023)

Family Stories: Local Lore (posted 17 Aug 2023) – Hammond family's move to Ohio

Hard to Find Records: Another Chase (posted 20 Dec 2023) — locating a deed from a burned county

New Cousins: I was able to locate a 4th cousin who descends from my 3rd great grandfather, Nelson G. Crawford. He agreed to do a yDNA test.

Hopeful New Cousins: I recently contacted a Crawford researcher who likely descends from Alexander and Margaret (McElwee) Crawford. Her brother has also agreed to a yDNA test.

Matthew Bland Estate

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 8, 2024
Bland,Missouri

Do you have photocopies of loose probate documents in your files? If so, have you tried to locate those documents in the digitized records on the FamilySearch site?

I have several probate documents from the estate of Matthew M. Bland of Platte County, Missouri. I was not able to locate these documents in the digitized probate records for Platte County on the Family Search site. I did locate several court entries regarding the estate.

Missouri Probate Records, 1750-1998
Platte County
Probate Court records, 1879-1881, Vol. Q

Bland MM decd 42, 48,51, 315, 378 (or 518)

page 42 (image 53)

July Term 1879

Thursday August 2 1879
Court met pursuant to adjournment
at 10 Oclock a.M.
Present
W P Childs Judge

In the Matter of the last
Will and Testament of Matthew M Bland
This day came _ Beard and
produced to the court an Instrument of writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew M Bland
of Platte County, Missouri – Thereupon came Alvery A. Nower
and Wesley B Cook two of the subscribing witnesses to said
instrument, who deposed in and form of Law as to the execution
of the same, and the Court having heard this testimony and
having examined said instrument adjudged that the same
is the last will and testament of Matthew M Bland who
departed this life in Platte County Missouri after the
xecution and publication thereof wherefore it is ordered
that said instrument of writing be admitted to Probate and
recorded as the last will and testament of said Matthew
M Bland deceased.

page 48 (image 57)
Wednesday August 27, 1879

In the estate of M M Bland
This day came Mary Bland widow of M M Bland decd
and on her motion she is appointed adminsitratrix witht he Bill
annexed of said decedent whereupon she took the oath required
by law and tendered Bond in the same of $1000.00 with H C
Turner & Jas Norris as securities which bond was accepted and
ordered to be filed and recorded and thereupon Letters of
administration with the will annexed were issued to said
Mary Bland on the estate of said decedant and W H Ramsey
& R Missig were appointed witnesses to aid her

Ordered that Court be adjourned until Friday the 29 Int at 10
O'clock AM
W P Childs Judge

page 51 (image 58)
July Term 1879

In the estate of M M Bland deceased
This day came Mary Bland Administratrix
with the will annexed of the Estate of decedent and produced
to the Court an Inventory of said estate which was ordered
to be filed and recorded
Said administratrix also produced to the Court an
appraisement of decedents personal estate which was also
ordered to be filed and recorded in Book of appraisements
C

page 315 (Image 197)

Saturday May 1 1880

In the Estate of
Martin Bland Decd

This day came Mary Bland admrx
of the Estate of decedent and submitted her petition asking
that she be authorised to sell at public or private sale personal
property of decedent for payment of debts and said Petition
being by the Court examined and heart It is ordered that
said Administratrix do sell at either public or private sale as she
may consider best for the interest of said estate such of the
personal property of decedants as she may think proper
and that in said sale whither public or private that she comply
with the requirements of law n such cases and she make
written report of her proceeding to this court as soon as said
personal estate disposed of

page 378 (image 231)

July Term 1880
In the Estate of M M Bland Decd
This day cam Mary Bland and produced to
the Court a notice to creditors of the [gr] [mt] of
Letters to [him] on decedents estate and proof othe publication
thereof which was ordered to be filed and recorded on Book
Notices [c] Vol 1
Said Mary Bland also submitted to the Court a
first Settlement of her accounts as adminstratrix
of decedents estate which was examined by the Court
and was ordered to be filed and recorded in
Settlement Record No 2

Missouri Probate Records, 1750-1998, M M Bland, 1879; Platte County, Vol. Q, pages 42, 48, 51, 315 and 378; database with images, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org : viewed online 18 December 2023).

Book 2 of the settlements contains details about the disbursement of the funds from the estate.

Missouri Probate Records, 1750-1998
Platte County
Settlements, 1878-1883, Vol. 2

Bland MM 253, 384

page 253 (image 166)

Estate of M M Bland Deceased
First Annual Settlement of MRs Mary Bland Admx of the Estate of
M M Bland Decd Same charges herself
with appraisement $1000.00
[Center Cr]

Paid Jocquemin & Shankner no 1 $95.32
paid A C Bell no 2 $27.25
paid Taxes 1879 no 3 $47.54
paid D Bonefount no 4 $28.xx
paid Unmessig appraiser no 5 $1.xx
Paid Howad Saml Notice no 6 $ 4.xx
Paid Margaret McDaniel note no 7 $103.00
Paid Anton Schmidt Coffin no 8 $ 30.00
Paid Hung Rainey appr no 9 $ 1.00
Paid Road Tax 1879 no 10 $ 1.67
Paid J Baker no 11 $ 4.10
Paid AC Noll No 12 $ 8.75
Paid Jas Dye no 13 $10.00
Paid Whitig & How no 14 $15.80
Paid Noll & Mossman no 15 $18.50
Paid Probate fees 417.40
Total $412.73
1880
Aug 27 To Balance due estate $587.27

Page 384 (image 234)

Estate of M M Bland deceased

Final Settlement of Mrs. Mary Bland Admrx of Estate
of M M Bland Deceased

Balance on hand at 1st Settlement in stock $587.27

Pd E P Green for tomb stones for M M Bland 1 20.00
“ “ “ for Tomb Hattie Bland 2 5.00
“ “ Tomb Stones for Benj Bland 3 10.00
Pd Taxes for 1880 42.91
PD J W Coburn aqtty 5 25.00
Pd Jerry Newsby for Seawn of CoCt 8.00
Notice Final Settlement 6 4.00
Probate Fees 4.25
Tec Legatee 7 468.11 587.27

Missouri Probate Records, 1750-1998, Estate of M M Bland, 1880; Platte County, Missouri, Vol. 2, page 253, 384; database with images, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org : viewed online 18 December 2023).

The loose papers are some of the documents referenced in the court proceedings. The first is the “Proof of Will.”

Platte County, Missouri
Probate Court

Proof of will
State of Missouri
County of Platte
Probate COurt

Be it remembered, tat on this 21 day of August
A.D. 1879 before me W P Chiles Judge
of the Probate Court, held in and for the County and State
aforesaid, personally appeared Alvah A [Nower] & Wesley Bl Cook
who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of
Matthew M Bland deceased, and being by me first duly
sworn, depose and say that the said Matthew M Bland
the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said will or instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said
will as witnesses thereto, bu subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and or each other, and at the request of said testator.

A. A. Nower
W. B. Cook

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
W. P. Chiles Judge
of eh Probate Court
this 21 day of August
A.D 1879
W P Chiles Judge
of Probate Court

page 2
Certificate of Probate
State of Missouri
County of Platte
In the Probate
Court of Platte COunty
Missouri

I W P Chiles Judge
of the Probate Court held in and for
Platte County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument,
purporting to be * the last will and testament of
Matthew M Bland deceased, and signed by said
Matthew M Bland deceased, lat of
Platte County Missouri and having heard
the testimony of Alvey A Nower
and Wesley B Cook

page 3
I Mathew M Bland of Platte County
State of Missouri, being in delicate health
and knowing the uncertainty of life yet of
sound and reflecting mind, make this
my last will and testament, first
I will to my dearly beloved wife all my seal
and personal estate after paying all my
just debts and funeral expences to controll
and manage as she may best think fit during
during her natural life, but in case she should
marry she is to endorsed with her legal rights
then it is my will at death or marriage of my
wife that my real and personal estate be
equally divided between my seven children
To wit Mary Baker, Ann B[eimer] WIlliam John
Margret M Eller Jane and Robert L and
it is my will that there should be no adminisra[tion]
on my estate if my said wife and children
can either it without [so?] given under
my hand this 27 day of June one thousan
eight hundred and seventy one
M M bland (seal)
Signed Sealed Published and declared by the
above Mathew M Bland as and for his last will
& testament in the presents of us who at his
request and in his present shave subscribed our
names as witness thereto
Wesley B. Cook (Seal)
Alvery A Nower (seal)

Probate Record (loose papers), Platte County, Missouri, Probate Court, Platte City, Missouri.

I Mathew M. Bland of Platte County
State of Missouri being in delicate health
and knowing the uncertainty of life get of
sound and disposing mind, make this
my last will and testament. first
I will to my dearly beloved wife all my real
and personal estate after paying all my
just debts and funeral expenses, to controll
and manage as she may best think fit during
during her natural life, but in case she should
marry she is to be endowed with her legal rights
then it is my will at death or marriage of my
wife that my real and personal estate be
equally devided between my seven children
To Wit Mary Baker Ann Benner William John
Margaret M. Eller Jane and Robert L and
it is my will that there should be no administration
on my estate if my said wife and children
can settle it without sodoing given under
my hand this 27 day of June One thousand
eight hundred and seventy one

M. M. Bland

Signed sealed published and declared by the
above Mathew M Bland as and for his last will
testament in the presents of us who at his
request and in his presents have subscribed our
names as witness thereto

Wesley B. Cook

The second loose paper is the Exeutor's Bond.

Platte County, Missouri
Probate Records

Bond and Oath
of Mary Bland
administrator, with will annexed
Of last Will and testament of
MM Bland dec'd
Filed for record this 27
day of August 1879
W P Chiles ex off clk
Record Book E page 152

State of Missouri
County of Platte
I, W P Chiles ex officio clerk of the Probate
Court held in and for Platte County, do hereby
certify that the within Bond and Oath were filed in my office on the 27 day of
August A.D., 1879 and the same are duly recorded in Book E
for recording Executors Bonds &c at page 152
Witness my hand and the seal of our said Court. Done at my office
in Platte City in said county, this 27
day of August A.D. 1879
W P Chiles
Ex off Clk

Executor's Bond
Bond of Administrator with will Annexed
We, Mary Bland as Principal,
and H C Tuner
and James Norris as Securities, are held and firmly bound unto the
State of Missouri, in the sum of one thousand (1000.)
Dollars, for the payment of which we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators
firmly by these presents.
Sealed with our seals and dated at Weston in the State aforesaid,
this 27th day of August, A.D. 1879
This condition of the above bond is that if the said Mary Bland
as administratrix with the will (annexed)
of the Last will and testament of Matthew M Bland
deceased, late of Platte County, Missouri, shall well and faithfully execute the
said Last Will and testament, and shall make true and faithful inventories, returns and settlements of
accounts of the estate of the said Testator, according to law; and shall, moreover, do and perform all
other matters and things touching the execution of hte said Last Will and Testament, as are or shall be
prescribed by law, or enjoined on her by the order, sentence or decree of any Court having
competent jurisdiction, then this obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force.
Mary Bland (seal)
H C Tuner (seal
James Norris (seal)
Recorded this 27 day of August AD 1879
in Book E at page 152
W P Chiles ex off Clk

Oath
State of Missouri
County of Platte
The undersigned Mary Bland
Administratrix with the will annexed
of the Last Will and Testament of Matthew M bland deceased, late
of Platte County, Missouri, personally appeared before me, the Judge
of he Probate Court, held in and for
the County of Platte and State of Missouri, and being duly
sworn by me, upon oath says that she will make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular
the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, rights and credits of the said Testator, according to law,
and will well and truly execute or administer the Last Will and Testament of the said Testor, by

paying, first his debts, and then the legacies contained in said Last Will and Testament, as far as the assets of the said Testator will extend, and the law direct; render just accounts, and faithfully perform all things required by law touching such Administration
Mary Bland
Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Platte
City this 27 day
of August A.D. 1879
W P Chiles
Judg Prob Court

Probate Record (loose papers), Platte County, Missouri, Probate Court, Platte City, Missouri.

The last loose probate paper in my files, is a copy of the petition to sell some of the personal property to pay the debts.

Platte County, Missouri
Probate Court

Petition for
Private Sale of
Personal Property
From
Mary Bland admx
Estate of
M Bland decd
Filed May 3 1880
& order Sale

In the Probate Court of
Platte County Mo
Mrs Bland Adm &
with the will annexed of M M
Bland dec'd & under said
will having a life estate & the
control & management of thie
real & personal property of said
decedent states that there are
debts due by said estate & no
mony a hand for their pay
ment. Also that the real & personal
estate is unproductive & of
great expence to said devizer
[?} life {The] the [?] prays
an order directing her to sell
at public or private sale the
personal property & to apply
the proceeds tot he payment
of said debts & for her supp at
& for the [clearing] & [?]
said loads.
Mrs. Mary Bland
by J w Coburn
Atty

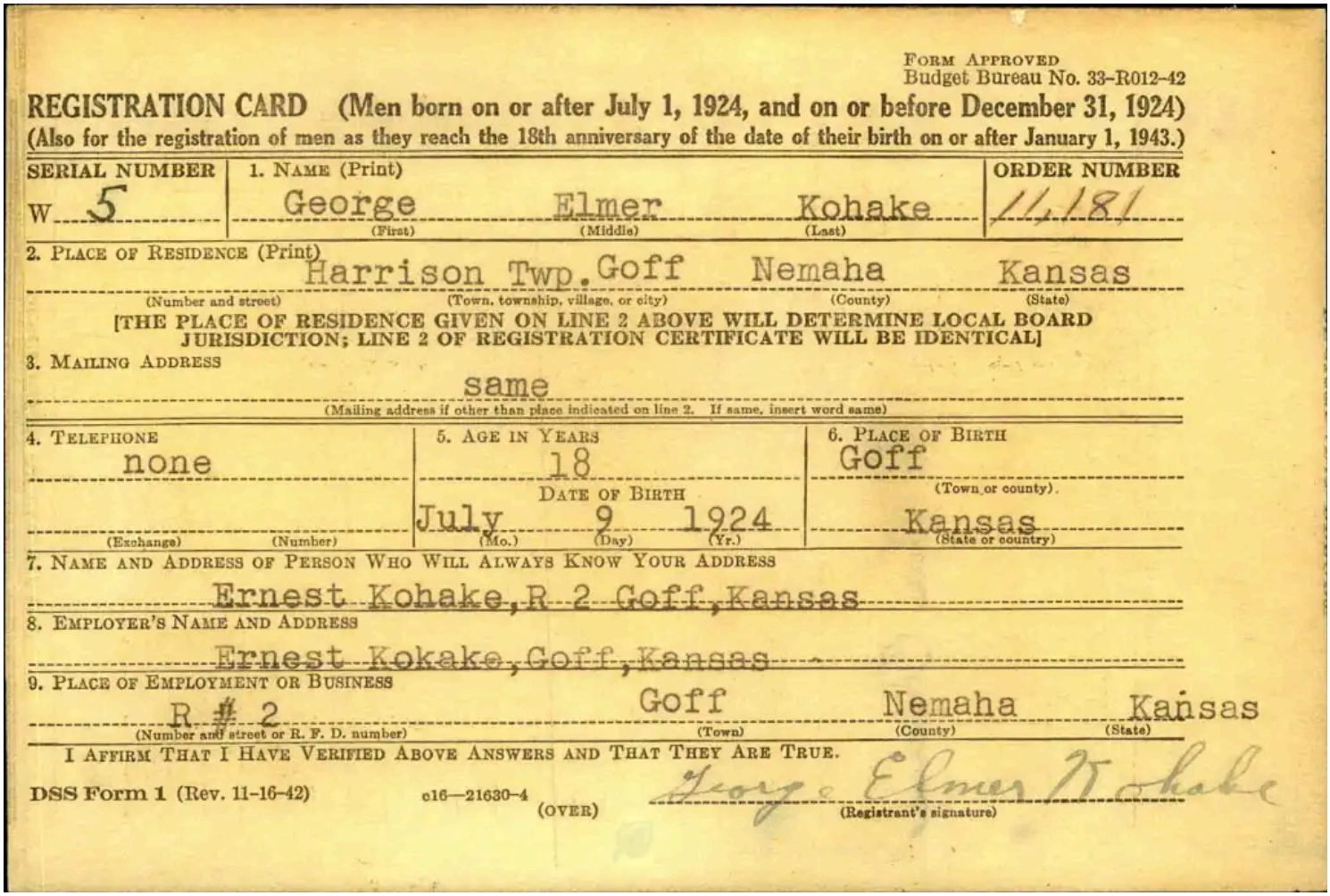
Probate Record (loose papers), Platte County, Missouri, Probate Court, Platte City, Missouri.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 9, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

George E. Kohake

George Elmer Kohake registered for the draft in 1942. His address indicated he was living in Harrison Township, Nemaha County, Kansas at the time.



FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
W 5	George (First)	Elmer (Middle)	Kohake (Last)	11,181

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): Harrison Twp. (Number and street) | Goff (Town, township, village, or city) | Nemaha (County) | Kansas (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS: same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
none (Exchange) (Number)	18	Goff (Town or county)
	DATE OF BIRTH: July (Mo.) 9 (Day) 1924 (Yr.)	Kansas (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Ernest Kohake, R 2 Goff, Kansas

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Ernest Kokake, Goff, Kansas

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: R # 2 (Number and street or R. F. D. number) | Goff (Town) | Nemaha (County) | Kansas (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) 16—21630-4 (OVER)

George Elmer Kohake
(Registrant's signature)

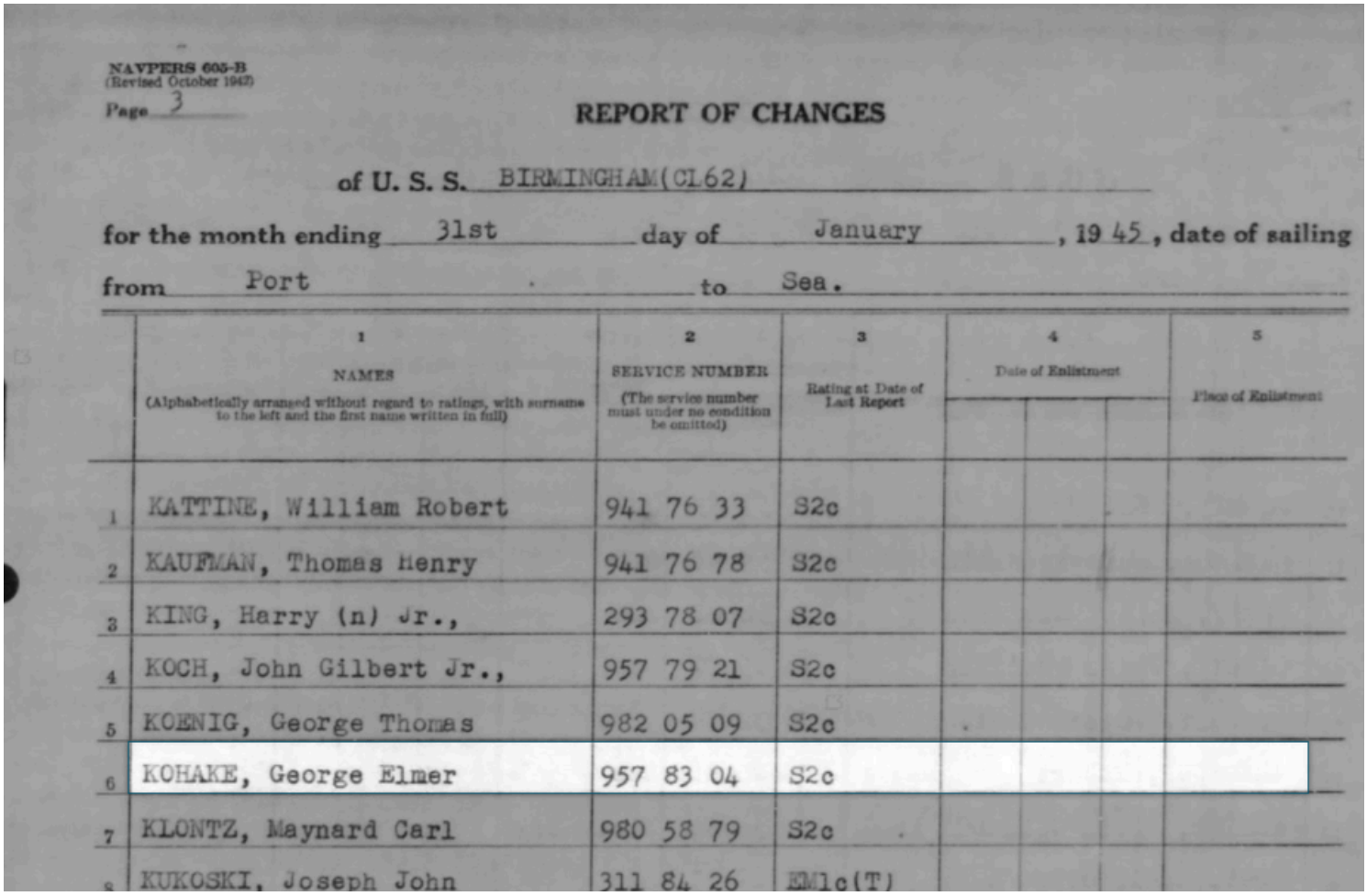
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
6 Nov 1944
page 3

George E. Kohake, 20, Goff, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill. His recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. A series of aptitude tests will be taken to determine whether he will be assigned to a naval service school or to immediate duty at sea. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
9 Nov 1944
page 2

An item in Monday's paper stated that George E. Kohake is at the Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. His mailing address is Geo. E. Kohake A/S V. 6, Co. 1994, U.S.N.T.S, Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of the late Anton Kohake of Goff.

George E. Kohake served aboard the USS Birmingham in the Pacific



NAVPERS 605-B
(Revised October 1943)
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REPORT OF CHANGES

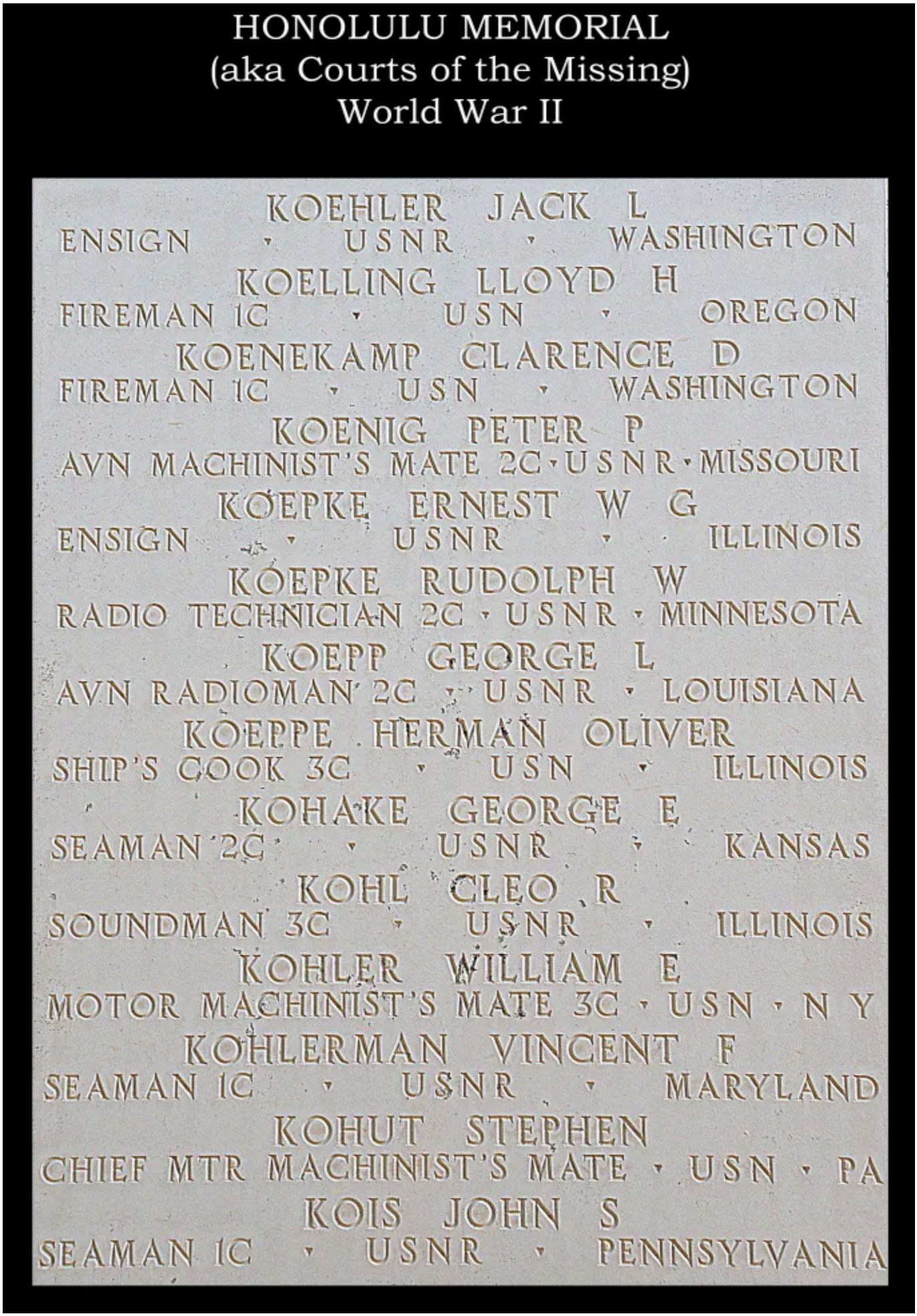
of U. S. S. BIRMINGHAM(CL62)

for the month ending 31st day of January, 19 45, date of sailing

from Port to Sea.

	1 NAMES (Alphabetically arranged without regard to ratings, with surname to the left and the first name written in full)	2 SERVICE NUMBER (The service number must under no condition be omitted)	3 Rating at Date of Last Report	4 Date of Enlistment	5 Place of Enlistment
1	KATTINE, William Robert	941 76 33	S2c		
2	KAUFMAN, Thomas Henry	941 76 78	S2c		
3	KING, Harry (n) Jr.,	293 78 07	S2c		
4	KOCH, John Gilbert Jr.,	957 79 21	S2c		
5	KOENIG, George Thomas	982 05 09	S2c		
6	KOHAKE, George Elmer	957 83 04	S2c		
7	KLONTZ, Maynard Carl	980 58 79	S2c		
8	KUKOSKI, Joseph John	311 84 26	EM1c(T)		

According to the US, American Battle Monuments Commission, George E. KOhake died 4 May 1945 and was reported "Missing in Action or Buried at Sea". His name is included on the memorial tablets at the Honolulu Memorial.


HONOLULU MEMORIAL
(aka Courts of the Missing)
World War II
KOEHLER JACK L
ENSIGN · USNR · WASHINGTON
KOELLING LLOYD H
FIREMAN 1C · USN · OREGON
KOENEKAMP CLARENCE D
FIREMAN 1C · USN · WASHINGTON
KOENIG PETER P
AVN MACHINIST'S MATE 2C · USNR · MISSOURI
KOEPKE ERNEST W G
ENSIGN · USNR · ILLINOIS
KOEPKE RUDOLPH W
RADIO TECHNICIAN 2C · USNR · MINNESOTA
KOEPP GEORGE L
AVN RADIOMAN 2C · USNR · LOUISIANA
KOEPPE HERMAN OLIVER
SHIP'S COOK 3C · USN · ILLINOIS
KOHAKE GEORGE E
SEAMAN 2C · USNR · KANSAS
KOHL CLEO R
SOUNDMAN 3C · USNR · ILLINOIS
KOHLER WILLIAM E
MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE 3C · USN · N Y
KOHLERMAN VINCENT F
SEAMAN 1C · USNR · MARYLAND
KOHUT STEPHEN
CHIEF MTR MACHINIST'S MATE · USN · PA
KOIS JOHN S
SEAMAN 1C · USNR · PENNSYLVANIA

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
21 May 1945
page 1

George E. Kohake Killed in Action

Former Kelly Youth Had Served Since October

Anthony Kohake, Kelly, received word today that his brother, George Elmer, seaman second class in the U.S. Navy had been killed in action. The message came from Vice-Admiral Randal Jacobs, chief of navy personnel. No details were given, however, the telegram stated the remains were buried at sea.
George was about 20 years old. He was home in January after finishing his boot training at Great Lakes. He reported to Shoemaker soon after that time and was assigned to a cruiser int he Pacific. The young navy man was the second son of the late MR. and Mrs. Anton Kohake. His step-mother, six brothers and one sister survive and live in the Kelly-Goff community. George graduated from the Goff high school and later worked for his uncle, George Lierz. He has two brothers in service, Pvt. Carl Kohake, at Camp Maxey , Texas, and Cyril, Gunners Mate 1st class, on a ship in the Pacific.
The Kohake family is planning a memorial service to be held at St. Bede's Church, Kelly, next week. A definite date will be announced later.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
28 May 1945
page 1

Memorial for Geo. Kohake Wednesday at Kelly

The Memorial service for George Kohake, Seaman in the U.S. Navy, who lost his life in action, will be held Wednesday morning at St. Bede's Church, Kelly, instead of Tuesday morning as was reported last week. The date fore the service is May, 30, the hour, nine o'clock.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
4 Jun 1945
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With the Armed Forces

A Memorial Service for George E. Kohake

St. Bede's service flag at Kelly has a fourth gold star in the death in action of George Elmer Kohake, seaman in the U.S. Navy and son of Anthony and Gertrude Kohake. George was born July 9, 1924 and died in the service of his country somewhere in the Pacific. He spent his entire boyhood int he community wherein he was born and entered the service of his country last October. After completing his boot training he had a leave at home in January and was assigned to duty after reporting to a California base. Memorial services were held Wednesday May 30, in St. Bede's church, Kelly with Rev. Father Placidus as celebrant, Father Cyril Bayer, St. Benedict, deacon and Rev. Father Matthew Hall, Seneca as subdeacon. The St. Aloysius society of which he was a member, Knights of Columbus, and members of Earle W. Taylor Post attended in a body. George is survived by his step—mother; one sister, Mrs. Anna Heinen, six brothers, Ernest, Albert, Anthony and John, all of the Kelly Community; Pvt. Carl Kohake, Camp Maxey, Texas and Cyril Kohake, gunner's mate first class, on a ship in the Pacific.

George E. Kohake, S. 2c, U.S. Naval Reserve is shown on a list of Purple Heart recipients. His medal was awarded posthumously for service during the ***Okinawa Gunto Operation*** between March 24 and May 5, 1945. George Kohake was serving aboard the USS Birmingham at the time. (from The Saga of the U.S.S. Birmingham: A Compilation of Her Officers & Men as found on Fold3)

INDEX RECORD FOR

George E Kohake

US, American Battle Monuments Commission, 1914-1950

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Full Name	George E Kohake
State of Residence	Kansas
Death	4-May-45
Death Date	4 May 1945
Buried	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial Honolulu, Hawaii
Memorial Location	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Memorial Cemetery	Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial
Memorial Country	Honolulu, Hawaii
Rank	Seaman, Second Class, U.S. Navy
Service Number	9578304
Regiment	United States Naval Reserve
Conflict Period	World War II
Awards	Purple Heart - Buried at Sea
Served for	United States of America
Views	0

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George Elmer Kohake

BIRTH 9 Jul 1924
Goff, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

DEATH 4 May 1945 (aged 20)
At Sea

BURIAL Saint Bedes Cemetery
Kelly, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

MEMORIAL ID 8775312 · View Source

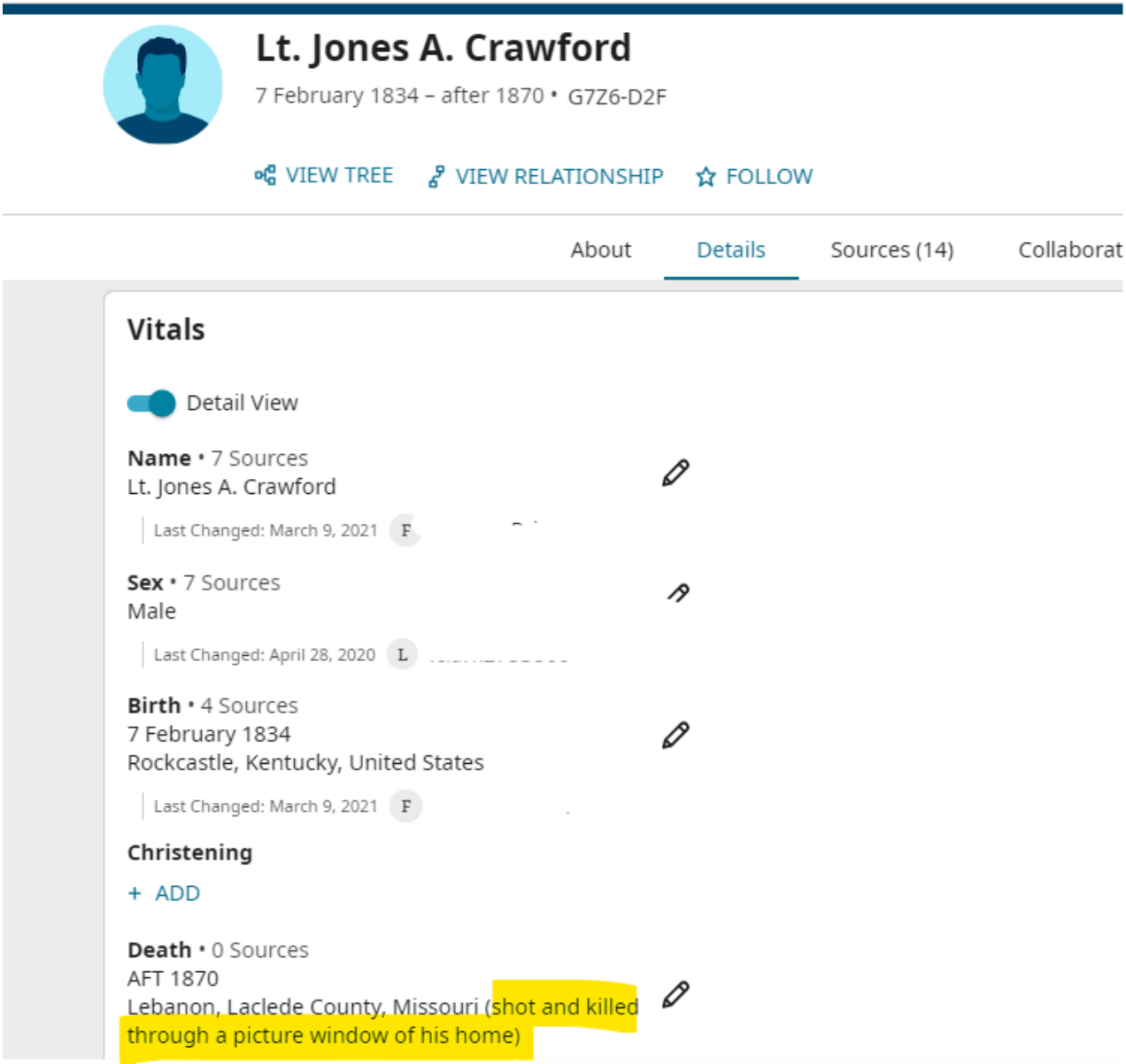
Family Lore

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 10, 2024
Crawford

Do you have a family story that has been passed down for several generations? If so, have you been able to document any of it?

I recently started a project to update my research of the Alexander Crawford who married Margaret McElwee in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1788 and his descendants. In particular, I am trying to document one line for yDNA purposes. Since I'm encountering missing land records for the county where the son resided, I decided to skip to the grandson in hopes of finding a record connecting the grandson to his father.

When I looked at Ancestry trees and the FamilySearch tree for the grandson, Jones A. Crawford, they all seem to have the same information for his death: "shot and killed through a picture window of his home."



While that little detail is not documented, it is ***screaming*** at me to check newspapers and ***document it***.

My first attempt was to try and locate an article between 1870 and 1880 in a Laclede county newspaper. Since many of the older Missouri newspapers have been digitized on Newspapers.com I started searching that site. (Missouri newspaper project) And I didn't find anything.

However, when I broadened my search to the entire state and to 1870 thru 1900, I hit paydirt! And I verified that a Crawford was killed by a bullet going thru a window. But it was a John Crawford and not a Jones Crawford. In addition, the incident occurred in Ozark county, Missouri and not in Laclede County, Missouri. The newspapers from all across Missouri reported on this incident.

> In Ozark county recently John Crawford and Pat Aldrich quarreled over family matters, which resulted in Crawford shooting and killing Aldrich, being himself wounded. He retreated to his home; followed by Joseph Aldrich, son of the dead man. Young Aldrich attempted to enter Crawford's house, but was put out. As he was ejected he fired a shot at random. It struck Crawford in the eye, killing him instantly. Young Aldrich was slightly wounded. Both dead men are well thought of and the killings have caused much excitement, which may become serious. The young man was arrested.
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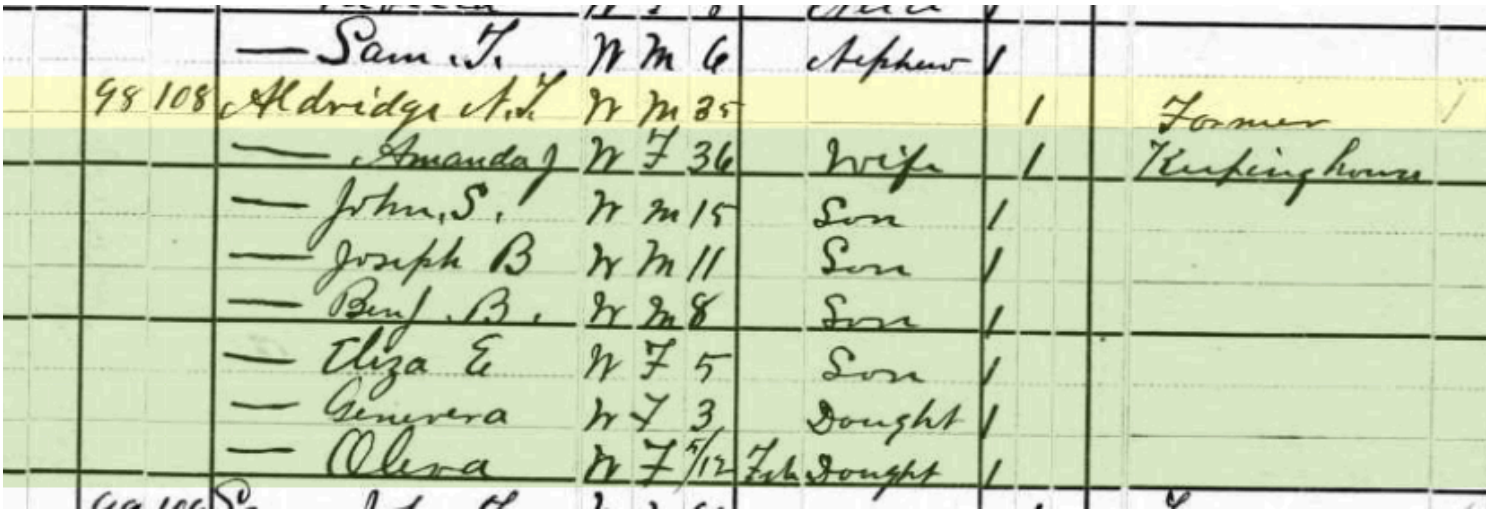
> *The Laclede County Republican, 29 Apr 1892, page 8 available on Newspapers.com*

> **Fatal Duel Between Farmers**
> West Plains, Mo, April 22 — News of a terrible tragedy which took place in the interior of Ozark county last Wednesday has just reached here. John Crawford and Nathan Aldrich, neighbor farmers, quarreled and fought a duel with Winchesters. Aldrich was killed. The lattter's son, Joseph Aldrich, went to Crawford's house to avenge his father's murder. He was ejected from the premises, but taking aim at the house he fired a random shot from his rifle. The ***bullet crashed through the window and struck Crawford*** over the left eye, killing him instantly. Young Aldrich was arrested.
>
> *The St. Joseph Herald, 23 Apr 1892, page 1 available on Newspapers.com*

A search of the 1880 census found the Aldridge family living in Bridges Township, Ozark County, Missouri. However, no Crawford family was listed in that same township.



	— Sam T.	W	M	6	Stepson		
98	108 Aldridge N.T.	W	M	35		1	Farmer
	— Amanda J	W	F	36	Wife	1	Keeping house
	— John S.	W	M	15	Son	1	
	— Joseph B	W	M	11	Son	1	
	— Benj B.	W	M	8	Son	1	
	— Eliza E	W	F	5	Son	1	
	— Genevra	W	F	3	Daught	1	
	— Olena	W	F	5/12	Feb Daught	1	

Continuing to read the newspaper articles, I found more details about the incident and the trial.

> In the case against the Aldridge boys, a change of venue was granted to esq. Mashboro of Jasper Township, Preliminary examination was waived by defendants and bonds for the sum of $6,000 were filed for their appearance at the next team of circuit court. Clark, an Attorney of West Plains, was employed to assist the prosecution, and Col. Love is Attorney for defendants.
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> *The Ozark County News (Gainesville, Missouri), 28 Apr 1892, page 1 available on Newspapers.com*

> **A Deplorable Killing**
> M. Aldridge, Clay Florence and Jas. A. McKeel, who were called to Ozark county Thursday forenoon of last week by a telegram announcing the killing of John M. Crawford and Nat. T. Aldridge, the wounding of the latter's son, Joe, returned home Monday last and from them we learn the following particulars in regard to the unfortunate affairs. There had been bad feeling between Crawford and Aldridge for some time on account of the latter's daughter joining the Christian church, of which the former was a member, which is supposed to be the cause of the killing. Crawford and Aldridge were neighboring farmers, living only about a quarter of a mile apart. Wednesday morning of last week Aldridge walked over to Crawford's house for the purpose of seeing if their family troubles could not be peaceably and amicably settled. They walked away from the house a short distance, remaining in consultation for half an hour or more, and were coming toward the house seemingly the

best of friends. At this juncture Joe Aldridge put in an appearance and commenced talking rather angrily, when Crawford remarked, “This looks as though you were going to double team on me,” and retreated to the house. It is not positively known whether the Aldridges attempted to follow or not, but Crawford soon appeared at the door with a double-barrelled shot gun when the shooting commenced. Both fired almost simultaneously. Aldridge was shot in the breast and killed instantly, while the latter’s bullet struck Crawford in the right side of the hip, smashing the handle of his pistol and driving the main spring almost through the lower part of the body. At this juncture Joe Aldridge ran into the house and attempted to wrest the gun from Crawford, who at the same time was trying to shoot with the revolver, not knowing it had been disabled. Young Aldridge was ejected from the house and running to where his dead father lay, grabbed his pistol and fired through the door, the ball striking Crawford in the right eye, killing him dead. Joe Aldridge received a wound on the side of the head, but is not considered dangerous. About this time John Aldridge, an elder son, who had only recently returned from Texas, came up and commenced abusing Crawford’s family in an angry and insulting manner. Both the boys were arrested shortly after and are still in custody, bail being refused until after the preliminary examination is held. Both the dead men were well known in this county and have many relatives and friends here who regret to hear of the deplorable manner in which they gave up their lives. [Marshfield Chronicle.]

The Douglas County Herald, 5 May 1892, page 3 available on Newspapers.com

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Wiped Out in Blood

The Aldridge – Crawford Fatal Affray — Both Men Killed

A Lost Hat, Found by somebody in This County, Wanted Badley — A Reward for It — Full of Bullet Holes

Late Saturday evening two of the Shock boys came to the Ledger office to inquire whether or not a hat had been found and advertised in the paper. The Shocks seemed quite disappointed when told that the Ledger had not contained an advertisement of this character.
“Well,” said Mr. Shock, “we want that hat and are willing to pay a good reward for it.”
“The hat must be a valuable one,” was suggested, whereupon Mr. Shock said it was of no value at all except to the man who lost it. “The hat is a mute witness in a murder trial soon to take place in Ozark county,” said Mr. Shock, “and it must be found.”
The following advertisement was ordered inserted in the hope of finding the lost article:
Hat Lost $2.50 Reward — Between Mexico and Prairie View Church, a few days since, a man’s large brim white hat, on the Texas cow-boy oder. Leave at Ledger office and get reward.
The hat has eight bullet holes in it and was worn by J. B. Aldridge, of Gainesville, Ozark county, Mo., in one of the fiercest and bloodiest affrays that ever took place in this state, in which N. T. Aldridge, his father, was murdered by John Crawford, who, in turn was shot dead on the spot by J. B. Aldridge. Both the Aldridges are well known to stock men in this county, and the Ledger a few weeks since announced a rumor that the elder Aldridge had been murdered. The younger Aldridge has been here for some days settling up his father’s business with the Shocks and others and left for home Saturday.
The killing of the elder Aldridge and Crawford occurred at Gainesville on the 20th of April. For years there had existed between the two men a deadly feud which nothing but blood could wipe out. On that day they met and the difficulty was renewed. Crawford was doubly armed — he carried both a shot gun and a revolver. With one barrel of the gun he killed old man Aldridge and fired the other at the son, who had come upon the scene. The charge of shot only wounded J. B. Aldridge. Then Crawford drew his pistol to finish his bloody work, but young Aldridge wrenched it from the desperate man and with it avenged his father’s death, killing Crawford on the spot. The younger Aldridge had a narrow escape; a portion of the charge from the shot gun barely grazed his head, while eight of the shot went through the hat he was wearing. Aldridge was released on bond, the killing of Crawford being considered justifiable. This is why the lost hat is wanted. It has seen considerable service and is of no value to anyone except Aldridge. Bring it to the Ledger office.

Mexico Weekly Ledger, 19 May 1892, page 3 available on Newspapers.com

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Probate Docket
Following is a list of settlements in the Probate court for the June term, 1893
First Day
N. T. Aldridge

The Ozark County News, 11 May 1893, page 1 available on Newspapers.com

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Circuit Court
The February term of the circuit court adjourned Saturday night about 10 o’clock. It had been a busy week in court, and all connected with it were tired and glad when the end came. This is especially true of jurors and

witnesses who were compelled from inclement weather and others crowded into the court room to spend the nights, as all available room at hotels and private dwellings was filled.
The grand jury returned an indictment against Chas. Hampton for the murder of Davenport. The court admitted defendant to bail in the sum of $5,000, which he filled, and the case went over to the August term.
The case against Joe Aldridge for the killing of J. M. Crawford was the last to be tried. The jury was out about four hours and returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment of the defendant at a fine of $500. The other Aldridge boys were discharged.

The Ozark County News, 22 Feb 1894, page 1 available on Newspapers.com

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Fined for Murder
West Plains, Mo., Feb. 22 – Joe Aldridge was convicted of manslaughter in the Ozark County Circuit Court and fined $500. A man named Crawford killed a neighbor named Aldridge, and to avenge the death of his father Joe Aldridge killed Crawford.

St. Joseph Gazette, 23 Feb 1894, page 5 available on Newspapers.com

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Died of Heart failure
Mrs. Amanda Aldridge, aged 59 years, died of heart failure at 6 o'clock last night at her home near Green Ridge. The funeral will be held this afternoon at her late residence and the interment will be in a neighboring cemetery.

The Sedalia Democrat, 18 May 1894. page 1

Sheriff's sale — N. T. Aldridge and wife Amanda's land to be sold

The Ozark County News, 6 Aug 1896, page 1 available on Newspapers.com

Since all of the newspaper articles used the given name of John instead of Jonas and placed the event in a county other than Laclede County, Missouri, I'm concluding this 'shot thru the window' tale is not associated with Jones A. Crawford.

A search of Find a Grave for a John Crawford who died in 1892 in Missouri turned up a John Martin Crawford buried in Ozark County, Missouri. Attached to the memorial was an image of the "Wiped Out in Blood" article. The tombstone picture also supported an April 1892 death date. However, the memorial had a July death date. (An edit was suggested.)

Photo added by J & J Wiggins

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John Martin Crawford

BIRTH 15 May 1848
McMinn County, Tennessee, USA

DEATH 29 Jul 1892 (aged 44)
Gainesville, Ozark County, Missouri, USA

BURIAL Gainesville Cemetery
Gainesville, Ozark County, Missouri, USA *Add to Map*

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Family Members

Parents

John C. Crawford
1819–1864

Elizabeth *Paine* Crawford
1833–1875

Spouse

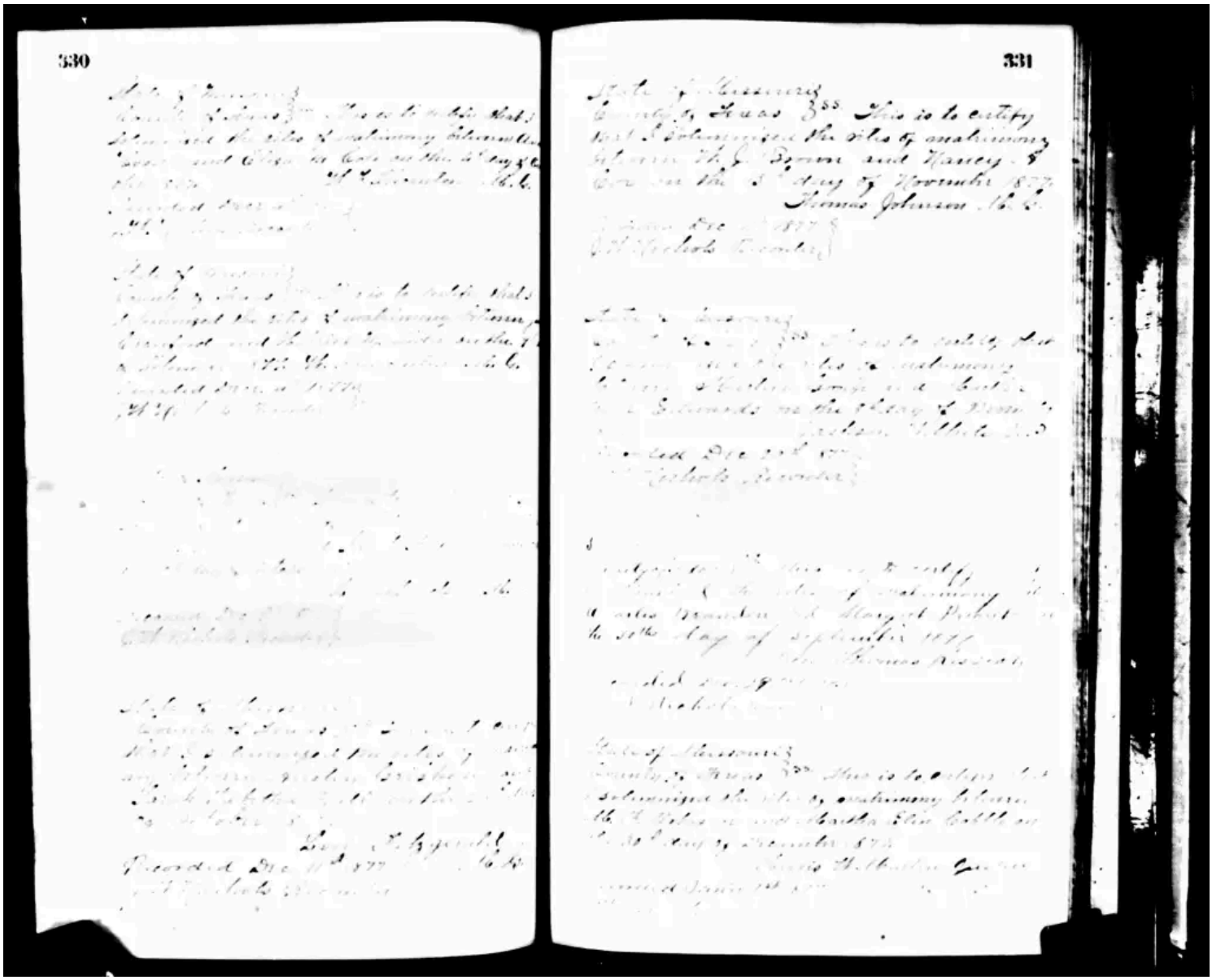
Mary Elizabeth *Rice* Crawford
1851–1939

Blurry Records

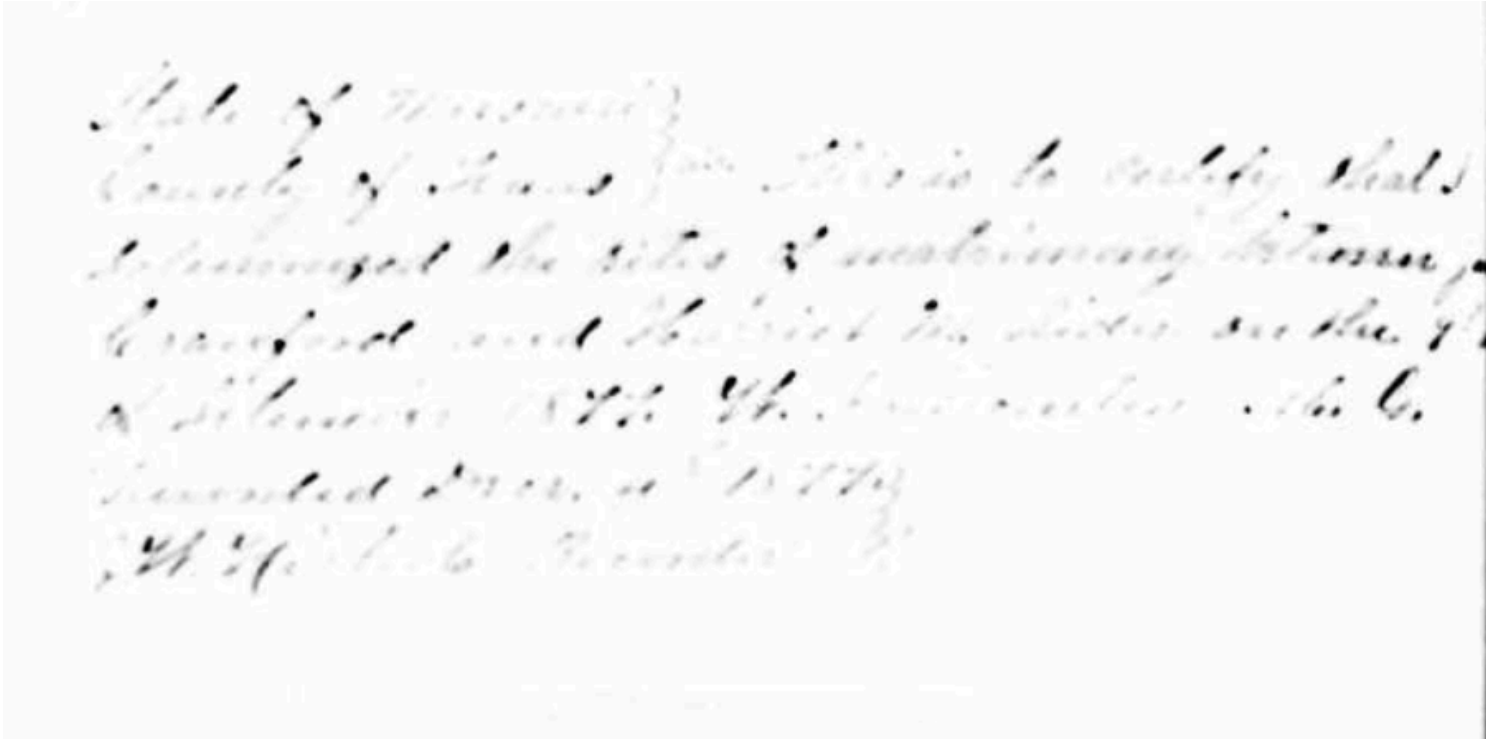
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 11, 2024
Photos

Do you remember using a microfilm reader? If so, did you ever use yellow transparency film to help make the images legible? I carried a sheet of that film in my genealogy bag and found it very valuable when images of census or other records were very faint.

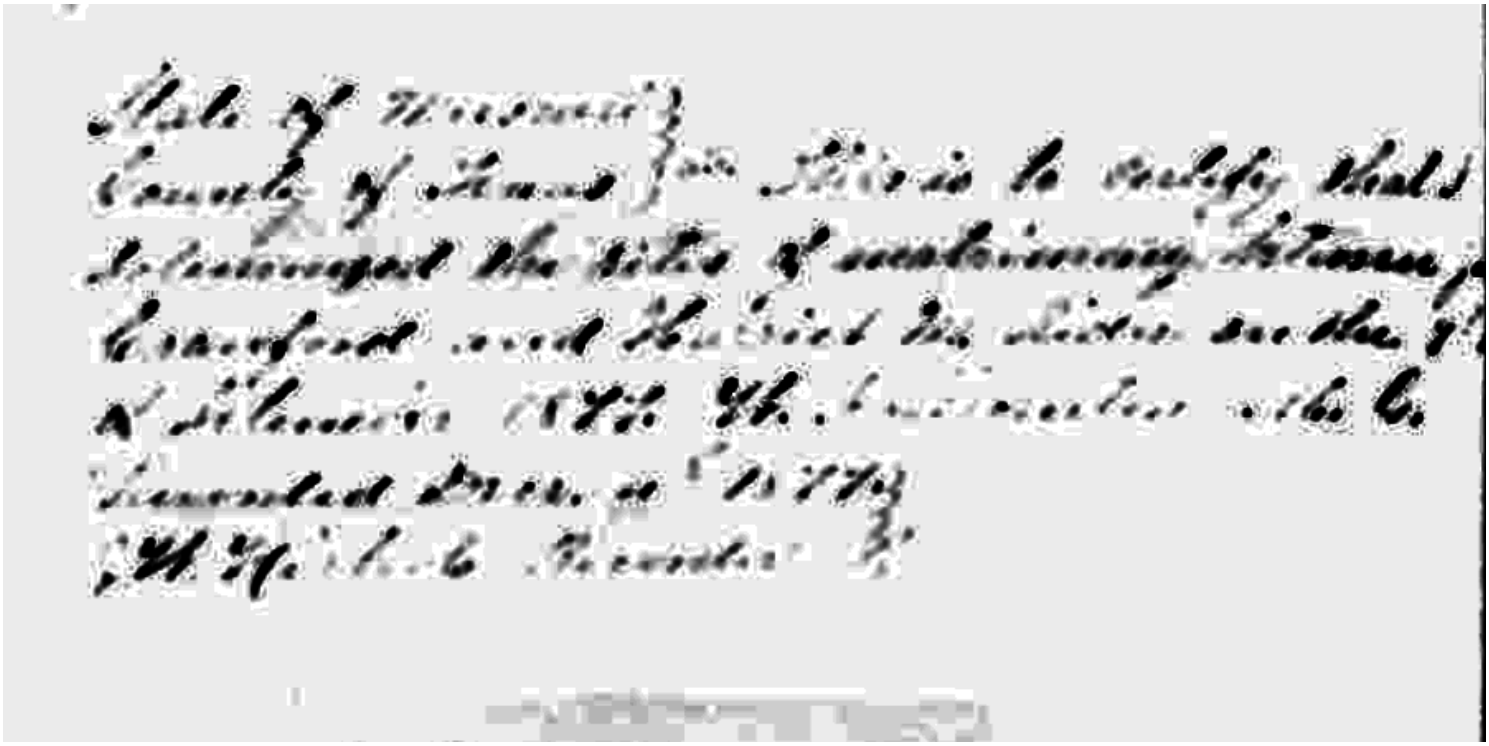
As I was looking at an image of a Missouri marriage record on my computer, I was wishing for the ability to use the 'yellow film' with a digital image.



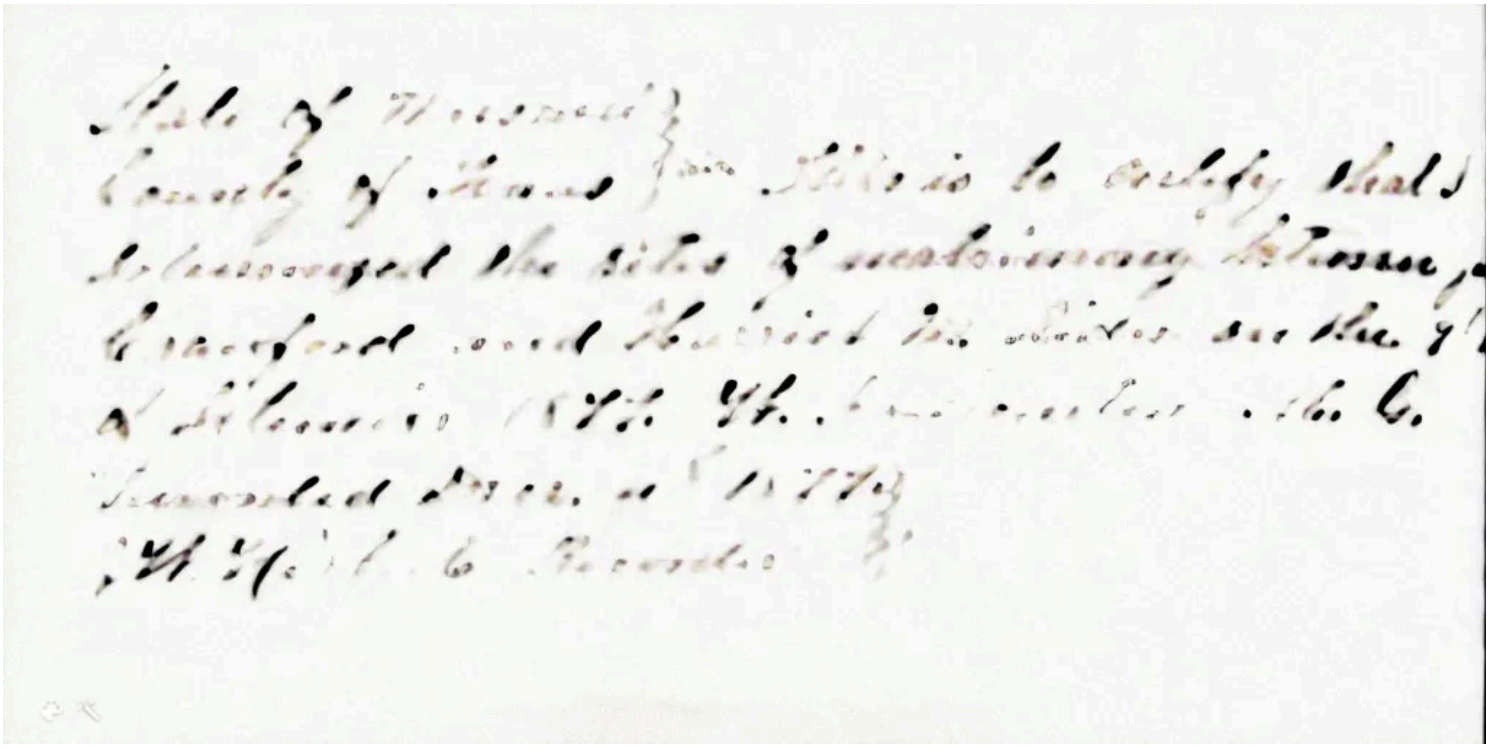
Since I don't have a 'yellow sheet' of film, I tried a different approach. I took a screen shot of the area that I thought was the CRAWFORD marriage record.



I then opened the screen shot in my paint program, Jasc PaintShop Pro. This is a more economical program than Adobe's Photoshop. While I could have spent hours playing with the various settings to see what would help enhance the photo, I opted for the 'Auto-Level' option. That brought out the writing enough that I can read most of it.



Out of curiosity, I uploaded my screenshot to MyHeritage to see how it would handle this blurry original. After colorization and enhancing, I was able to download an image similar to my PaintShop pro image.



While still a little hard to read, either enhanced version is definitely more legible than the original. Now I know that I can use the My Heritage photo tool for more than family photos!

Friday Finds

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 12, 2024
Bland,Missouri

Today's find comes from a letter written to the Recorder of Deeds for Platte County, Missouri in 1998 when copies of deeds for Matthew M. Bland were requested. Below is the transcription of the deed from Book C page 389.

> This indenture made and entered into this thirtieth day of September
> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five between Henry
> Burkholder and Jane Burkholder his wife of the County of Platte and State of Missouri
> of the one part and Martin Bland of the county and state aforesaid of the other
> part witnesseth that the said Henry Burkholder and Jane his wife for and
> in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to them in hand paid the
> receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell convey and con
> firm unto the said Martin Bland his heirs and assigns forever all that tract
> or parcel of land described to with It being a part of the East half of the South
> west quarter of section no thirty four in township fifty four of Range thirty
> six bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the north east corner of
> said quarter section running due west twenty poles thence due south six
> poles thence due east to the eastern line of said quarter section.
> Thence due north to the place of beginning. It being the land on which
> M Blands said mill stands containing one acre more or less It being
> and laying in the County of Platte and State of Missouri Together with all
> and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining
> to have and to hold the above described premises unto the said Martin Bland
> his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Henry Burkholder and Jane his
> wife the aforesaid premises unto the said Martin Bland his heirs and assigns
> against the claim or claims of all and every person whomsoever do and will
> warrant and forever defend by these presents In witness whereof
> the said Henry Burkholder and Jane his wife party of the first part have
> hereunto set their hand and seals the day and year above written.
> H. Burkholder (seal)
> Jane Burkholder (seal)
> Signed and delivered
>
> State of Missouri county of Platte
> Be it remembered that on the 30th day of September in the year
> of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five personally appeared before me
> William [Tamer] a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Platte in the State
> of Missouri Henry Burkholder and Jane his wife who are personally known to me
> to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing and [written] deed
> as having executed the same a a arty thereto and personally acknowledged
> the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein men
> tioned She the said Jane Burkholder being by me first made acquainted
> with the contents of the said instrument of writing and examined separate
> and apart form her husband, whether she executed the said instru
> ment of writing freely, willingly and without compulsion or under
> influence from her husband, she acknowledged and declares that she
> executed the said deed relinquishing her dower right in the said
> land, and [?] freely, willingly , without compulsion or under
> influence of her said husband.
> Given under my hand this day and date above named
> William Tamer J. P.
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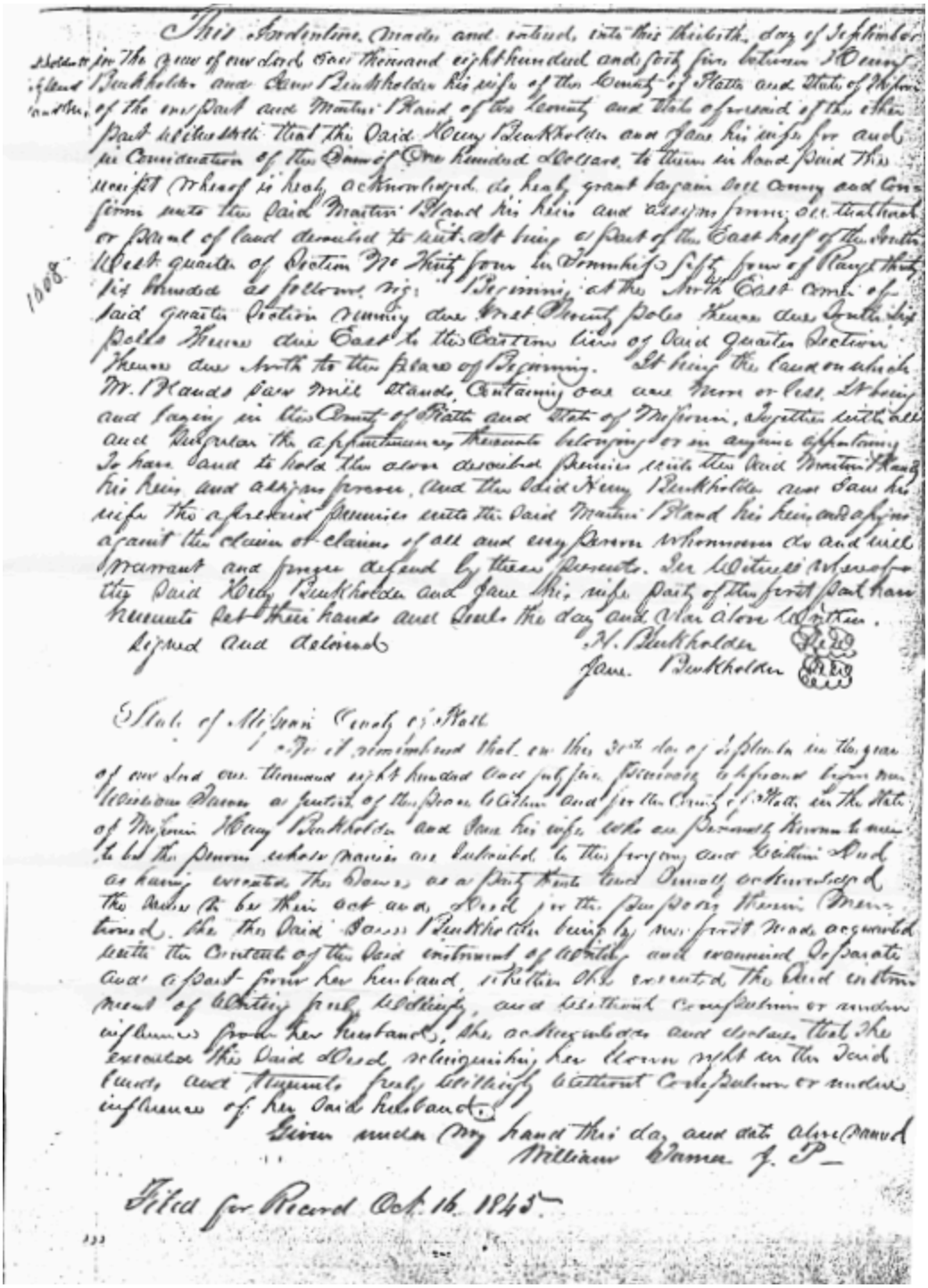
> Filed for Record Oct 16 1845

Platte County Missouri, Deeds, Book C page 389, Matthew . Bland, 30 September 1845; Recorder of Deeds, Platte County Courthouse.



This Indenture Made and entered into this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four between Henry Buckholder and Jane Buckholder his wife of the County of Platte and State of Missouri of the one part and Martin Bland of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth That the said Henry Buckholder and Jane his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred Dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said Martin Bland his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land described to wit: being a part of the East half of the South West quarter of Section No Thirty four in Township Fifty four of Range thirty six described as follows viz: Beginning at the North East corner of said quarter Section running thence West Twenty poles thence due South forty poles thence due East to the Eastern lines of said quarter Section thence due North to the place of Beginning. Containing one acre more or less. Being and lying in the County of Platte and State of Missouri, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said Martin Bland his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Henry Buckholder and Jane his wife the aforesaid premises unto the said Martin Bland his heirs and assigns against the claim or claims of all and every person whomsoever do and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Henry Buckholder and Jane his wife party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed and delivered

N. Buckholder

Jane Buckholder

State of Missouri County of Platte

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally before me William Dawson a justice of the Peace within and for the County of Platte in the State of Missouri Henry Buckholder and Jane his wife who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing and within deed as having executed the same as a part their and voluntary act and deed for the uses purposes therein mentioned. And the said Jane Buckholder being by me first made acquainted with the contents of the said instrument of writing and examined separate and apart from her husband, whether she executed the said instrument of writing freely willingly, and without fear compulsion or undue influence from her husband, she acknowledges and declares that she executed the said deed relinquishing her dower right in the said lands and tenements freely willingly without fear compulsion or undue influence of her said husband.

Given under my hand this day and date above named

William Dawson J. P.

Filed for Record Oct 16 1845

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 13, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

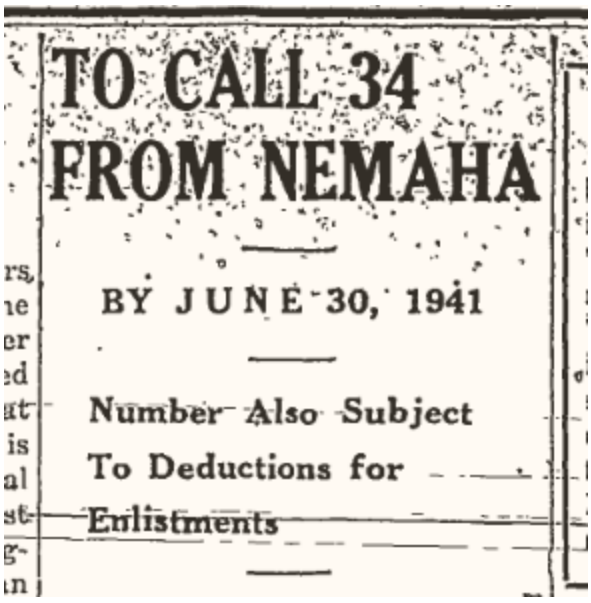
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)
28 Nov 1940
page 1

To Call 34 from Nemaha

By June 30, 1941

Number also Subject to Deductions for Enlistments

Thirty-four young men are to be called from Nemaha county to U.S. military service by June 30, 1941, according to announcement of county quotas made for the entire state Monday.
The state quota of 8,338 men was prorated according to the number of men registered in each county. Deductions were allowed according to the number of men in national guard units and for men in service and “expected” enlistments in service other than the national guard.
Nemaha county has a large number of men in regular service and some who live in the east part of the county belong to Sabetha and Hiawatha guard batteries. This would account for the fact that while Nemaha has but 34 men in its quota, Marshall county has 137. Brown county is so well represented in batteries that is quota is zero.
Men who enlist now will reduce the number of men called by draft.
Donald Davis, colored, Sabetha, has notified the county draft board of his intention to volunteer.
Harvey Elmer Hittle, registrant for Goff, has enlisted int he service.
By this Wednesday night, the draft board will have a total of 155 questionnaires mailed to registrants and a number of these have been filled and returned to the board. Twenty-five or 30 more a day are being sent to the registrants. A total of 20 per cent of the registration, or 350 questionnaires, will be sent by the first of the year.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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 14, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) What are your genealogy goals for 2024? Consider genealogy research, education, organizing, service, writing, and whatever else you care to share.

I shared my 2024 goals in my 2024 Goals post on January 1.

- Purge some of my paper files
- Descendancy research
- Crawford research

While I did not include my plans to continue blogging as a goal, I do plan to continue posting to this blog. Over the past year, I've used the following blogging schedule:

- Sunday – Saturday Night Genealogy Fun prompt
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday – blog about recent research
- Tuesday – profiles of Nemaha county (KS) Purple Heart recipients
- Friday – documents buried in my files
- Saturday – articles about Nemaha County military service

To achieve my goals, I will be using a variety of resources to add events and sources to my RootsMagic tree. That tree is synced with my Ancestry tree. I will also work on updating WikiTree profiles for my ancestors.

While there aren't enough hours in a year to work thru all of my autosomal DNA matches, I will continue working to document my ThruLines matches. These matches are additional support for my lineage. Besides autosomal DNA tests, I manage three BigY tests in the Crawford project. I am an active participant in the Crawford project and am hoping that another test will help break down some of our brick walls.

To help me better understand those yDNA results, I am enrolled in Diahann Southard's yDNA class. Besides this class, I try to participate in some special interest groups sponsored by the Topeka Genealogy Society. I am also registered for the virtual version of RootsTech 2024.

No matter what, I will be spending a lot of my time in my genealogy office.

Joe Crawford

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 15, 2024
Crawford,Lincoln County

Do you ever feel like you get stuck in the 'middle'? I've started researching descendants of the Alexander Crawford who married Margaret McElwee in 1788 in Lincoln County, Kentucky for yDNA purposes. Since a descendant of Joe Crawford (1856-1925) has agreed to do a yDNA test, I'm trying to create a paper trail supporting Joe being the great grandson of Alexander and Margaret thru their son John Crawford.

Since this research is totally new to me, I'm using the FamilySearch tree and other family trees for guidance. And I'm stuck in the middle!

I've found the obituaries for Joe Crawford (listed as Jones Crawford on FamilySearch) and his wife Harriet Ryder.

Joe A. Crawford
Joe A. Crawford died at the home of his daughter in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 20, 1925, following a long sickness of carcinoma stomach. The remains were brought back home and funeral services conducted at the church by Rev. J. J. Carty in the presence of neighbors and relatives. Burial followed in Allen Cemetery.
Joe A. Crawford was born in Crab Orchard, Kentucky, July 28, 1856. Age at death 69 years, 1 month and 22 days. His home was near Raymondville, Texas county, Mo.
He was married to Harriett Rider, who preceded him to the great beyond some eight years. To this union 12 children were born: Dick and Ollie, deceased; George of Safford, Arizona; Mrs. Betty Blackard, John Boebel and Buel of St. Louis; Mrs. J. E. Richardson and Roy Crawford, of Lebanon, Mo.; Mrs. Dolly Miller and Mrs Bernice Morelock, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Our dear father told us not to weep, for all was well. Father, your earthly work is ended now, your path of life is trod, and your name in gold is written in the precious book of God. Father, you have left us lonely, oft we think of you and cry, but we will meet you up in Heaven; until then we say "good-bye."
D.M.

"Joe A. Crawford," The Houston Herald (Houston, Missouri), 1 October 1925, page 9; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 28 December 2023).

Obituary

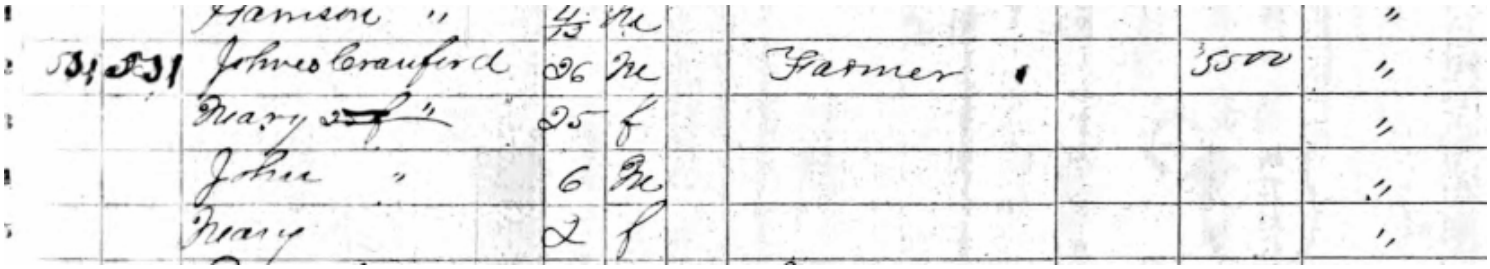
Died, at her home in Raymondville, MO., Friday, November 17, 1916, Mrs. Harriett M. Crawford. She was born in Phelps county, near Rolla, Mo., April 7, 1862, age 54 years, 7 months and 10 days; she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ryder.. She was married to J. A. Crawford September 9, 1877, who survives her. Twelve children resulted from this union. The living are George, of Maxville, Kansas, Robert, of Raymondville, Mo., Mrs. Bettie Manley of Houston, Mo., Mrs. Dollie Miller, of Fort Scott, Kansas, Roy of Plato, Mo., Mrs. Bernice Crawford of Miami, Okla., Mrs Jennie Richardson, of Raymondville, MO, John, Goebel and Buel, who are at home. The deceased are Allie and Richard.
She has been in poor health for more than a year but bore her affliction with great patience and fortitude. In July her condition was recognized to be very serious and all her children were called to her bedside. The only hopes the physicians gave was by an operation. September 9th accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Dollie Miller, and Dr. R. C. Haggard, she was taken to St. Johns Hospital, Springfield, MO., and on Sunday an operation was performed. She stayed there three weeks and was able to return home alone. Her relatives and friends were truly glad to see her home again and looking so well, not realizing her weak condition and being confined indoors so long and anxious to see her many friends exposed herself, her heart being in bad condition was too much for her. After two weeks of suffering she passed peacefully away.
Deceased united with the Christian church early in life and lived a consistent Christian life. Funeral services were conducted in the church at Raymondsville at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 19th, by Rev. J.B. Payne. The remains were conveyed to Allen cemetery where surrounded by relatives and friends they were tenderly laid in their last resting place in the city of the dead. A very large crowd attended the funeral services and paid their last tribute to the memory of one of the splendid Texas county mothers.
A life which has been a benediction and a blessing to the entire community has closed. Another of the mothers of Israel has passed from a useful life here on earth to her reward in the home eternal there at the feet of her Father to await the reassembling of her loved ones. The hearts of our people go out in earnest sympathy to the broken hearted husband and children.

"Obituary," The Houston Herald (Houston, Missouri), 7 December 1916, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 26 December 2023).

These two obituaries provide some key information to help document the yDNA line.

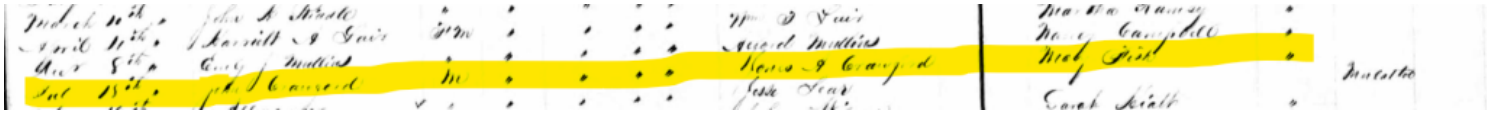
- They both dentify the twelve children and the communities where they lived which will make it easier to locate the census records and other documentation for them
- Harriet's obituary provides their marriage date.
- Joe's obituary provides a birth date
- Joe's obituary indicates he was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky

In hopes of finding Joe Crawford with his parents, I started searching the 1860 census for a 4 year old Joe (or Jonas) Crawford. Based on the FamilySearch tree, Joe's parents were Jonas and Mary. With this information, I found an 1860 census record for Johnes Crawford in Lincoln County, Kentucky. THe household included Mary, a 25 year old female; John, a 6 year old male and Mary, a 2 year old female.



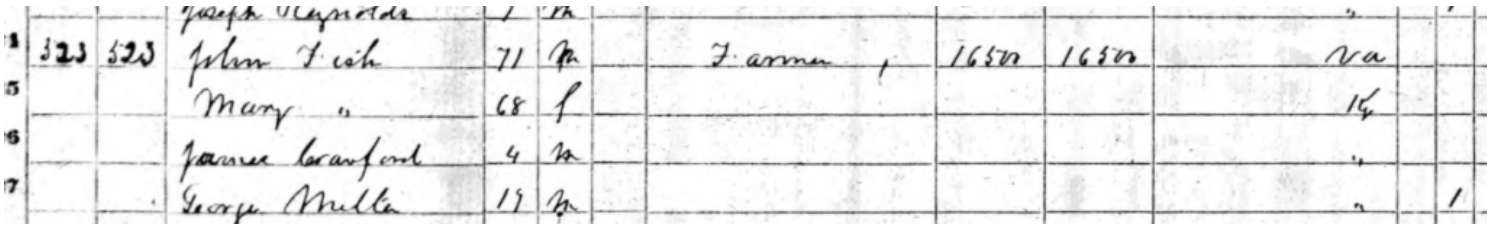
1860 U.S. Census, Lincoln County, Kentucky, population schedule, Lincoln County, Kentucky, page 81, Image 66 of 163, family 531, Johnes Crawford; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : viewed online 21 December 2023)

Even though the age is off by two years, some might argue that the John Crawford in the census record is actually Joe or Jonas Crawford. However the database, Kentucky Birth Records, 1847-1911, contains a birth record for John Crawford son of Jonas A Crawford and Mary Fish who was born 18 Jul 1854. Thus, I think the John Crawford in the census record is the John Crawford in the birth record.



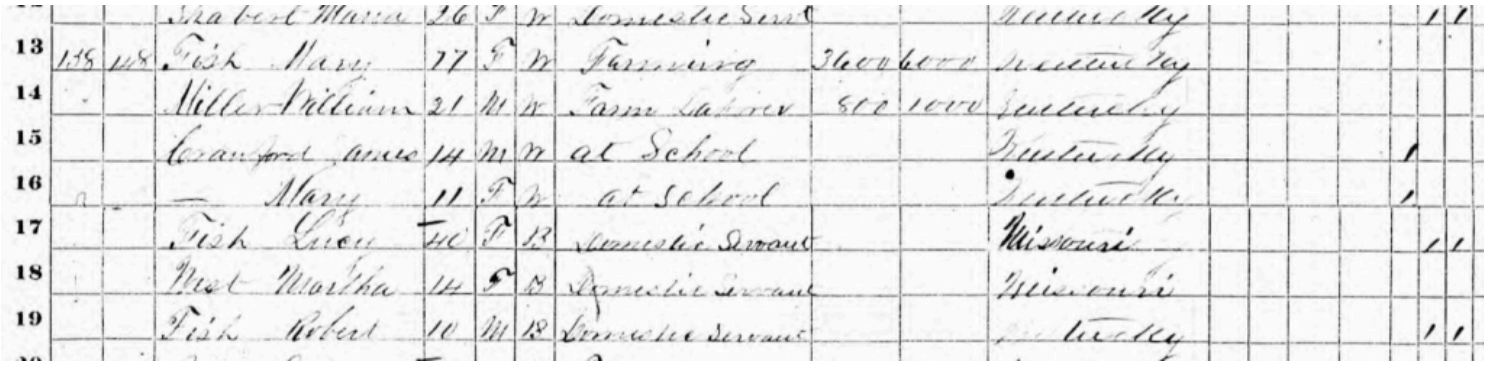
Kentucky, U.S. Birth Records, 1847-1911, John Crawford, 18 July 1854; digitized images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : viewed online 21 December 2023).

Further study of the 1860 census in Licnoln County, Kentucky has a 4 year old James Crwford in the household of John Fish, aged 71 and Mary Fish, aged 68.



1860 U.S. Census, Lincoln County, Kentucky, population schedule, Lincoln County, Kentucky, page 80, Image 65 of 163, family 523, John Fish; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : viewed online 26 December 2023)

The 1870 census for Lincoln County, Kentucky has a 14 year old James Crawford living in the Mary Fish household.



1870 U.S. Census, Lincoln County, Kentucky, population schedule, Lincoln County, Kentucky, page 23, Image 23 of 53, family 148, Mary Fish; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : viewed online 26 December 2023)

While these census records may be for Joe Crawford as a child, they do not help connect Joe (Jonas) Crawford to his parents. If this 14 year old James Crawford is Joe (Jonas) Crawford, then there are some clues in the 1870 census.

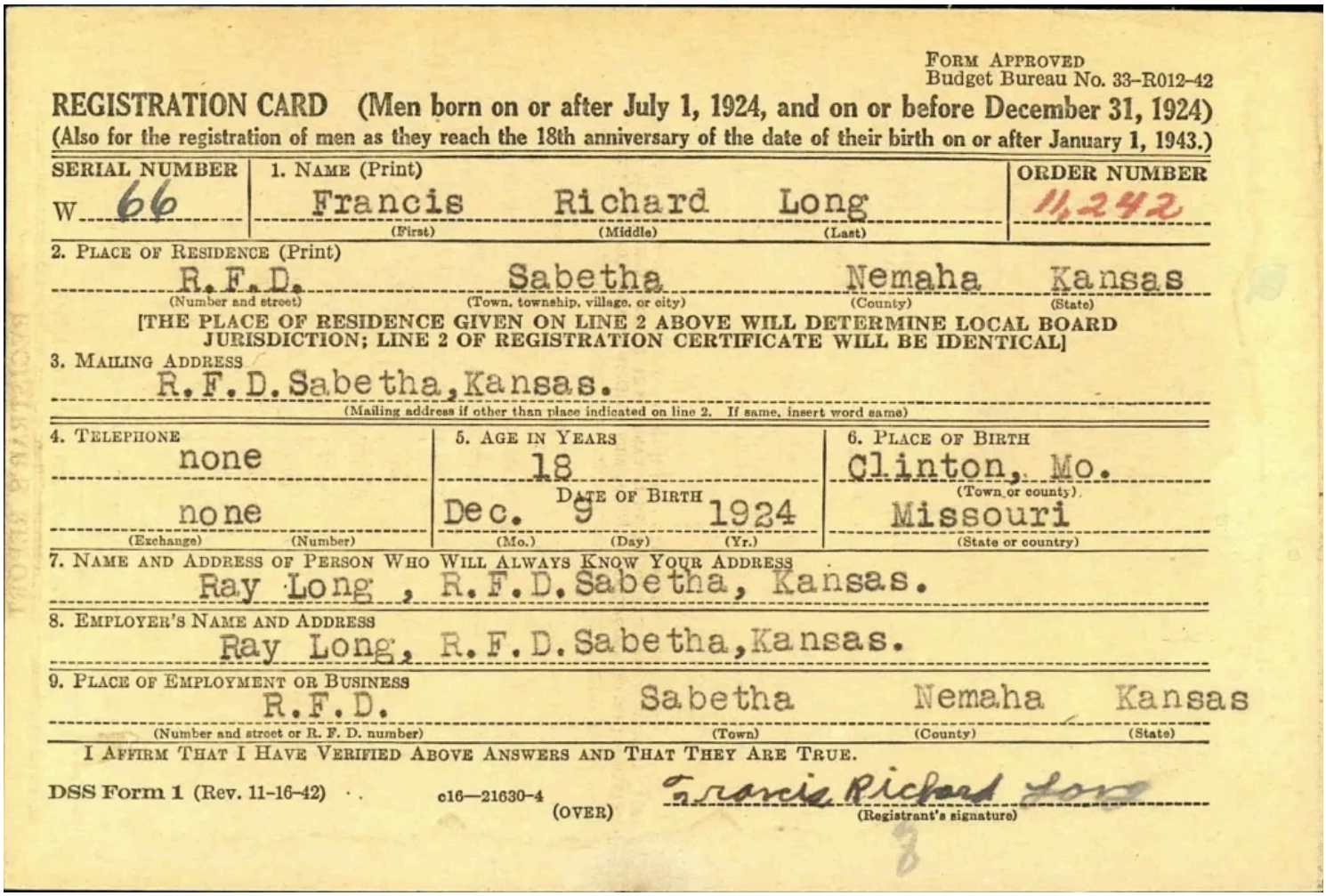
- Are there any records connecting John and/or Mary Fish to Jones (James) Crawford?
- Is the 11 year old Mary Crawford in the 1870 census record the same Mary Crawford in the 1860 census as a 2 year old?
- Are there any records connecting Jones (James) Crawford to William Miller and or Martha West?

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 16, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Private Francis Richard Long

Francis Richard Long registered for the draft 30 December 1942.



FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
W 66	Francis (First) Richard (Middle) Long (Last)	11,242

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
R. F. D. (Number and street) Sabetha (Town, township, village, or city) Nemaha (County) Kansas (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
R. F. D. Sabetha, Kansas.
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
none (Exchange) none (Number)	18 DATE OF BIRTH Dec. (Mo.) 9 (Day) 1924 (Yr.)	Clinton, Mo. (Town or county) Missouri (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Ray Long, R. F. D. Sabetha, Kansas.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Ray Long, R. F. D. Sabetha, Kansas.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
R. F. D. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Sabetha (Town) Nemaha (County) Kansas (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) c16—21630-4 (OVER)
Francis Richard Long
(Registrant's signature)

The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, Kansas)
18 April 1945
page 1

Men in the Service
Francis Richard Long

Memorial services for Pvt Francis Richard Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long of the Price neighborhood, will be held a the United Brethren Church in Sabetha Sunday. The services for Long, who was killed in action in the Pacific, will be conducted by Rev. C. W. Lucas of Abilene.
Francis Richard Long was born December 9, 1924, in Trenton, Mo. He moved to a farm near Berwick with his parents when he was three months old. He attended High School before moving with the family to Eureka where he spent 10 years of his childhood.
He attended a year of high school at Bern and then with his parents moved to a farm south of Sabetha where he helped his father farm until he was inducted into the army June 12, 1944.

He received five month's training at Camp Hood, Tex., then returned home in October on furlough. He was sent overseas December 12, 1944, and was killed in action on Lubang March 2, 1945.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
1 Aug 1946
page 5

Attends Gold Star Meeting

Ray Long of the Price neighborhood attended a meeting of Gold Star parents held in Kansas City Sunday by the American War Dads. Pvt. Franics Long, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long was killed in the southwest Pacific, March 2, 1945, after only nine months in the army.

The Sabetha Herald (Sabetha Kansas)
27 October 1948
page 16

Deaths
Pvt. Francis Richard Long

Pvt Francis Richard Long was born at Trenton, Mo., Dec. 5, 1924, and moved to Sabetha with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long, March 1925. He grew up around Sabetha and attended the neighborhood schools and Bern High School.
He assisted his father on the farm until he was called into service June 12, 1944. He was sent to Camp Hood, Texas where he received his training. He remained there until Oct 1944 when his group was sent to Ford Ord, Calif. From there he was sent to the South Pacific Dec 12, 1944, where he was assigned to Co. A 21 Regiment, 24th division.
He was killed in action March 2, 1945 on Lubang Island.
He leaves to mourn his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long, hi grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Wagner, other relatives and a host of friends.
Funeral services were conducted at the Popkess funeral home Oct. 17, 1948 by Rev. Earl I Stites. Burial was n the Sabetha cemetery. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion had charge of the graveside service.

Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, Kansas)
1 Dec 2010
page 23

Private Francis Long died in Southwest Pacific during World War II

Price man was in Army for less than nine moths before he was killed in action

Private Francis Richard Long, the son of Ray and Lela Long of the Price neighborhood, was killed in action on Lubang Island of the Philippine Islands in the Southwest Pacific on March 2, 1945.
Francis, who was 20 years old at the time of his death, was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 12, 1944. He had received training for five months at Fort Hood, Texas. Following training, he returned home on furlough in October and was sent

overseas on Dec. 12, 1944.
His parents initially received “only the usual telegram” from the Adjutant General of the United States, stating that he was killed March 2 but giving no details.
A memorial service, with a closed casket, was held at the United Brethren Church in Sabetha, with the service conducted by Rev C W Lucas of Abilene Mrs Vernon Wallace had charge of the music, and the Rev and Mrs Wallace Carpenter sang “Resting in His Love” and “Jesus is Always Near” The Sabetha Company of the Kansas State Guard and representatives of the American Legion and Auxiliary were present.
Francis’ grave lies besides his parents’ graves in the Sabetha cemetery.
Francis was born Dec. 9, 1924, in Trenton, Mo When he was three months old, he moved with his family to a farm near Berwick. He attended Hilt School before moving with the family to Eureka, where he spent 10 years of his childhood.
Francis attended a year of high school at Bern and then, with his parents, moved to a farm south of Sabetha, where he helped his father farm until Francis’ induction into the U S Army
Millie Johnson of Sabetha, a cousin of Francis Long contributed to this article
Other sources March and April 1945 news items in the Sabetha Herald.

Photo added by Larry Gilbert

PVT Francis Richard Long

BIRTH 9 Dec 1924
Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri, USA

DEATH 2 Mar 1945 (aged 20)
Occidental Mindoro Province, MIMAROPA, Philippines

BURIAL Sabetha Cemetery
Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA *Add to Map*

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Chasing Stories

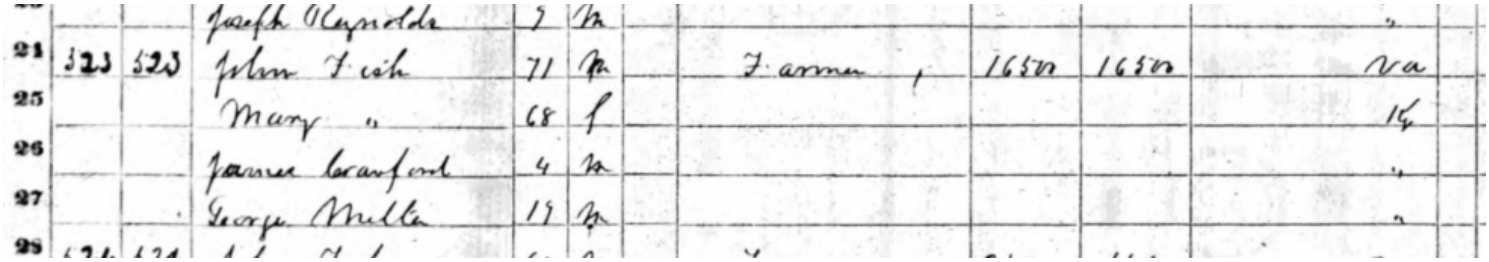
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 17, 2024
Crawford,Oklahoma

Do you save those stories shared on Ancestry to your tree? Have you ever tried to verify the information in a story?

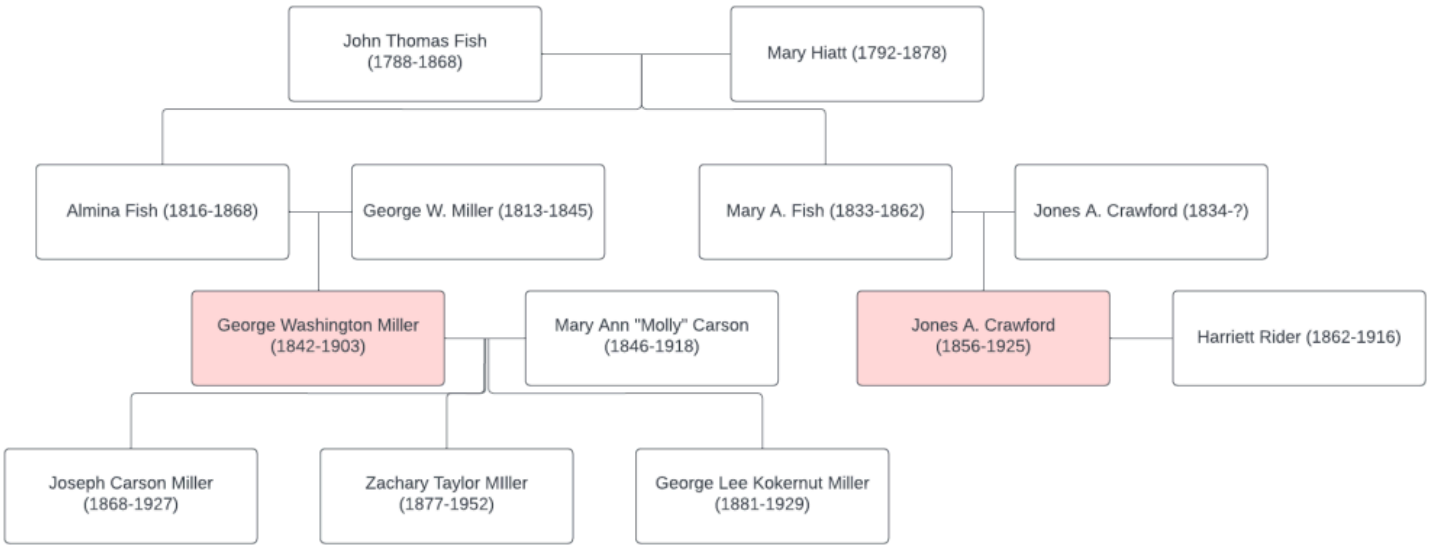
I'm currently researching Alexander Crawford and his wife Margaret McElwee and thier descendants. At times, I feel like I'm chasing my tail while other times it feels like I'm chasing a bright shiny object. This 'chase' recently took me to hints for George Washington Miller (1842-1903). One of those story hints just begged for me to chase it.

George Wahington Miller's 101 Ranch in Oklahoma
Posted Jan 3, 2015 by
His ranch consisted of 110,000 acres and 400,000 head of cattle - He was also famous for his venture with a famous "Wild Western Show" Google "101 Ranch in Oklahoma" for an overview.

Some might question my sanity since George W. Miller is not a descendant of Alexander Crawford. However, I believe he is the 19 year old George Miller in the household of John Fish on the 1860 census in Lincoln County, Kentucky. This household also contains a 4 year old James (or Jones) Crawford.



While I'm still trying to locate records to verify the family structure, I believe the mothers of George Miller and James (Jones) Crawford are sisters, Almina and Mary Fish (daughters of John and Mary Fish). This would make George Miller and James (Jones) Crawford first cousins.



Thus figuring out the story of the 101 Ranch is not chasing a bright shiny object but researching my FAN club. And, googling, '101 Miller Ranch' turns up quite a few sites with information about the ranch.

- Miller Brothers 101 Ranch – The Encyclopedia of Oklahama History and Culture
- The White House on the Plains (a RootsWeb site)
- Millers Brothers 101 Ranch (Wikipedia)
- George Washington Miller: Visionary Founder of the 101 Ranch – on Rural Messenger

Besides Google, I also turned to newspapers where I found quite a few stories about the ranch. The 4 December 1932 issue of the Tulsa World contained an article about the demise of the ranch: Oklahoma's Famed Showplace Is Passing. (found on Newspapers.com)

A 14 Aug 1942 article in The Caddo Herald (Caddo, Oklahoma) provides a glimpse into the glory days of the ranch: Highlights of the Old 101 Miller Ranch. (found on Newspapers.com)

HIGHLIGHTS of the Old
101 Miller Ranch

Highlights of the Old 101 Miller Ranch

By J. D. Tanner
409 Elm St., Pawnee, Okla

The Miller Brothers 1010 Ranch near Ponca City, Okla., once covered a land area 90×100 square miles. That was when grazing land could be leased for as low as one cent an acre annually. The actual amount of ranch land owned by Miller Brothers never exceeded 22,000 acres but, including land leased by them, the ranch covered 101,000 acres.

No ranch — not even the King Ranch in South Texas with its million and a quarter acres — has history as colorful as the 101 Ranch. This ranch was established in 1881 by George W. Miller, father of Zach, Joe and George Miller, Jr. The three brothers continued to operate the ranch after their father's death.

About 1912 the 101 Ranch was in the zenith of its glory. Thousands of cattle grazed its wide domain. Each year the Millers marketed from 3,000 to 6,000 fat steers. Most of the cattle were sold on hoof, but the Milers also had their own packing plant and killed and processed meat for the retail and wholesale trade. They also raised grain crops on part of the land and one year harvested 70,000 bushels of wheat. It was easy to make money in these times and the Millers made plenty of it.

Noted Guests of 101 Ranch

A mansion built on the ranch was named the "White House," where the Millers entertained lavishly. Among their guests were some of the noted men and women of American and Europe. Queen Marie, of Rumania, was a guest at the "White House." Theodore Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan were guests. The great and near-great came from far places to partake of 101 Ranch hospitality.

In 1907 and again in 1924 the National Editorial Association were guests at the "White House." On this occasion the editors were dazzled by a full-fledged rodeo and Indian pageant staged by the Millers on the ranch ground. The private rodeos and Indian pageants held on the ranch were so popular that the Millers determined to organize a wild west show and go on the road with it, giving exhibitions in principal cities of the United States. The show, a success form the start, wintered one season in Hollywood, California. While in Hollywood the show, it is said produced the first motion pictures of wild west scenes. It was there that Bill Hart was first introduced to the movie world by the Miller Brothers. Tom Mix was a performer in the show and at one time worked as a cowboy on the 101 Ranch.

Buffalo Bill Joins the Show

There came a time — in 1914-15 — when Buffalo Bill (William F. Cody) did an act in Millers Brothers Wild West Show. Cody's act was breaking small hollow glass balls (tossed in the air) with a 22-calibre rifle. He shot from horseback, galloping the horse in a circle.

After touring much of the United States with their show, The millers took it to England. There vast crowds attended the exhibitions, including the late King George and other European crowned heads and lesser

notables. London was acclaim with Miller Brothers spectacular and unrivalled wild west show.
The Millers had planned to tour other European countries with the show, but World War I broke out and all of Europe seethed with war talk and war preparations. The tour was abandoned and the show returned to the United States.
Back in America, the Millers continued the show and ranch business. They prospered and the “White House” was again a scene of social gatherings and sumptuous banquets with Zach, Joe and George Miller as genial hosts.

Death of George and Joe Miller

During these regal days a shadow fell across the “White House.” George and Joe Miller died suddenly. Joe succumbed from monoxide gas poisoning in 1927 and George was killed in an automobile accident in 1929. The death of these two courtly gentlemen was a shock to their many friends in Oklahoma and throughout the nation.
Colonel Zach Miller tried to carry on after the death of his brothers, whose passing grieved him deeply. He took over the ranch and managed it for a while. Then, moved by an urge to go on the road again with the wild west show, he sallied forth and did well until the 1929 depression, which was a death blow to all shows, including the best ones in New York City.
At Washington, D.C., the famous Miller Brothers Wild West Show folded up and went into bankruptcy.
Colonel Zach Miller, the surviving brother who devoted most of his time to the livestock business, resolved to keep the Miller ranch in Oklahoma a going concern and pay off all debts that had accrued against it.
Undoubtedly he would have done this had not creditors closed in and asked the court for a receivership.
The receiver sold all ranch property, including all livestock, and everything else that had tangible value.
Today the 101 Ranch is no more; its land has been divided into a farm settlement project, and the famous “White House,” after foreclosures, has been occupied by NYA boys and their craft handiwork.

The Caddo Herald (Caddo, Oklahoma) 14 Aug 1942, page 2, available on Newspapers.com

Yes, this story is a ***bright shiny object***! But, it likely is also information about a FAN club member that may help me locate more records for my Alexander Crawford research.

George Washington Miller

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 18, 2024
Kentucky,Miller,Oklahoma

Do you have a famous person in your fan club? If so, did you recognize their name when you added them to your FAN club?

When I first found George Miller listed in the census with George's grandfather, I did not recognize him as someone who played a major role in cowboy history. It was only an Ancestry story referencing the 101 ranch that led me to dig further into his life and uncover his impact on the cattle industry and Oklahoma.

While his obituary was published in multiple papers, I found several long obituaries. Besides offering a slightly different view of his life, they provide a glimpse into the magnitude of his 101 ranch. The first is from The Ponca City Daily Courier published near the ranch in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

> **Death of Geo W. Miller**
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> George W. Miller, manager of the 101 ranch near this city, died at his home on the ranch at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday, April 25, 1903, of pneumonia, aged 61 years and 20 days. Short funeral services were held at the house on Sunday at 9 0'clock a.m. conducted by Rev. Sims, Methodist missionary at the Ponca Agency, and the body was shipped to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, the old home of the family for burial. Mr. Miller leaves a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters grown to manhood and womanhood.
> The officer of every immense corporation comes in for his share of the world's fame, but there are unknown captains of industry in the west who are doing things in the world of work and finance that are equally as worthy as the trust magnates. The management of a *50,000 acre farm*, *the largest under fence in the United States,* is a fact that becomes appalling in its immensity when one comes to consider all details.
> Geo W. Miller, a man over 60 years of age, had taken up the task of running the famous 101 ranch in northern Oklahoma. Indeed, he has been operating it quite successfully the past four years, but under increased pressure.
> Mr. Miller paid the Ponca and Otoe tribes of Indians $32,500 annual rental for his 50,000 acres farm; other running expenses amount to $75,000 annually. Last year 1*3,000 acres were sown in wheat, 3,000 in corn and 3,000 in forage crops.*
> The income of the ranch is from $400,000 to $500,000 annually. The profits on wheat are from $40,000 to $50,000 annually. The income on steers is even more.
> *Two hundred men find employment* on this vast ranch, and $33,000 worth of tools and machinery are used in caring for the grain harvests. *Four hundred head of mules* are used in the fields and in herding steers.
> Mr. Miller has mastered economies of farming to such a degree of perfection as is making the 101 ranch noted as the most profitable farming property in the west. HE had a system of double planting corn field that gives double use of the land. By the time the corn had been harvested the cow peas have grown high enough to make good pasturage. Also, after the cutting of wheat in June and July the fields are plowed and sown in kafir corn. This is ready for the pasture in October, but the field is first drilled in wheat and the cattle are allowed to tramp in the wheat and nibble off the blades of corn. During the winter, after the corn has been eaten away, the wheat grows up and is pastured until spring. This system of getting two returns from a single field was an idea originated by Mr. Miller. It was his most successful plan of making money out of farming.
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> *"Death of Geo. W. Miller," The Ponca City Daily Courier (Ponca City, Oklahoma), 27 April 1903, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 4 January 2024).*

The second is from another Oklahoma paper, The El Reno Daily American, published in El Reno, Oklahoma which is a little over 100 miles to the southwest of the ranch.

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"Big Rancher Dead," The El Reno Daily American (El Reno, OK), 5 May 1903, page 4; digitial images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 1 January 2024).

The family maintained a home in Winfield, Kansas where his children were raised and where his wife resided. Thus, The Winfield Tribune, also published a long obituary.

The Passing of George W. Miller

The President of 101 Ranch Died Last Saturday after Only One Week's Illness

George W. Miller, president of 101 Ranch and the largest stock raiser in this part of the country, died at the ranch home near Bliss, Oklahoma, last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, after scarcely a week's illness.
He was taken sick with a heavy cold Sunday which quickly settled on his lungs and developed into pneumonia causing his death almost before the family realized his sickness. His wife and daughter, Alma, who were in Winfield, hastened to his bedside the middle of the week and together with the remainder of his family, his only brother, Wm. F. Miller, and his three sons, Joseph C., Zachery T., and George L., were with him during his last days.
In the death of Mr. Miller there passes into history a character known all over Kansas and Oklahoma. He was born in Danville, Kentucky, on February 22nd, 1842, of southern parents and during his sixty-one years of life he retained a strongly marked southern personality. In 1849 he went to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and lived there twenty-one years, long enough to become sufficiently attached to the place to call it "home." He was married to Miss Millie A. Carson, of Louisville, Kentucky, on January 10th, 1866, and returned with his bride to Crab Orchard. In 1869 they moved to Newtonea, Missouri, and drifted across the Kansas border in 1880 locating for a year at Baxter Springs, and then coming to Winfield.
Headquartered here he dealt in cattle and was one of the first white men to drive cattle from Texas to the Indian territory. He established a large ranch near the present site of Bliss, Oklahoma and organized a company which now has under its control about 50,000 acres of land. From one hundred to one hundred and fifty men are employed on this immense ranch where everything is done on a gigantic scale. Immense wheat crops, huge water melons, and wide stretches of pasture populous with numerous herds of cattle, have made their place famous, the subject of many newspaper and magazine articles. It is known throughout Kansas and Oklahoma as "101 Ranch," a colony of cattle men and cow boys devoted to the interests of George Miller, In addition to the ranch Mr Miller maintained a large family home in tis city which was reputed for its elegance and hospitality.
He was a man peculiarly constituted in many ways; of a strong character, and absolutely fearless. He had both friends and foes, the former as loyal and true as steel, who never tire of recounting his chivalry and devotion to his wife and family, his benevolence to the poor, his kindness to friends and his hospitality to "the stranger within his gate" Few there are who ever heard him speak ill of anyone; none there are who sought his hospitality or charity and were turned away empty handed.
With all this he had many troubles and bitter enemies. From their judgment he has gone to answer in a higher court to the Judge of All Men, and it is well for them to draw the mantle of charity over his faults, and remember only his great hospitality, good deeds, and acts of charity.
Undertaker Axtell, of this city, went to the ranch Sunday and embalmed the body for shipment to Kentucky. At the deceased request he was interred in the family burying ground at Crab Orchard. The remains were accompanied to their final resting place by Mrs. Miller, Miss Alma Miller and Joseph Miller.
Mr Miller carried a heavy life insurance and is estimated to have amassed a fortune of three hundred thousand dollars which will go to the surviving members of the family.

"The Passing of George W. Miller," The Winfield Tribune (Winfield, Kansas), 1 May 1903, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 3 January 2024).

While I expected to find obituaries in the Oklahoma papers and in the Winfield paper, I was somewhat surprised to find a lengthy obituary in the Kansas City newspaper.

An Old-Time Cattleman

The Death of George W. Miller in Oklahoma

Was First to Bring a Trail Herd from Mexico
His Big Ranch "101" Is Known All over the United States

Ponca City, Ok., April 28 — George W. Miller, president of teh 101 Ranch company at Bliss, int eh Ponca Indian reservation, who died last Saturday, was a characteristic type of the old time cattleman. He was one of teh first to bring a trail herd from Mexico to the interior of the United States. His herds ranged in number from 3,000 to 6,000 cattle One year he handled 25,000 head of trail cattle, many of which were loaded at Hunnewell, Kas., for shipment to market. The cattle were paid for in gold which was hauled to the Mexican border by wagon. The owners refused currency and did not know the meaning of a bank draft.
Mr. Miller's judgment of the value of cattle on the hoof was remarkable few persons being better able than he to tell what the worth of a loan turned loose on the range in the spring would be at shipping time. He was engaged in the cattle business in Oklahoma for thirty-one years, and in all that time used brand "101." Eleven years ago he started ranch "101," which is known throughout the united States as a successful live stock and agricultural enterprise. The wheat fields alone aggregate 8,000 acres.
Was a Kentuckian
Mr. Miller was born near Danville, Ky., February 22, 1842, and spent his boyhood on a farm near Crab Orchard. His Kentucky blood was shown in his unique personality. He made strong friends and bitter enemies; to one he was steadfast, and to the other defiant. His hospitality was unbounded, and on his ranch and at his city home in Winfield, Kas., he gave his guests the best his table and his cellar could produce. Three hours before his death he insisted that friends who had come to bid him farewell should sit down to dinner, and regretted that his health was not such as to permit him to join them. He gave freely to the poor, and his compassion for their distress was such that on Thanksgiving day he always gave a steer to those in greatest need.
Mr. Miller's death was due to pneumonia which began a week ago last Sunday. He had always been vigorous in body, but he felt his vitality slipping from him and said that he would not recover. He called his family to his bedside and made known his final wishes in the management of his 50,000 acre ranch which will be operated as it was during his life. TO his widow he left $30,000 in life insurance. He said that the approach of death did not alarm him, and watched its coming without distress. He played with his grandchildren almost to the end, his mind remaining clear and active.
Buried on the Old Farm
The body was taken Sunday to the family burial ground on the farm in Kentucky where he lived when a boy. An escort of cowboys rode beside the hearse as it passed alongside on of the ranch's great wheat fields, across a broad pasture where thousands of cattle grazed in sight of the trail road, and thence to the railroad station at Bliss. Many Ponca Indians, from whom most of the ranch lands are leased accompanied the body. Chief White Eagle, together with several of his head men, viewed the body at the ranch house, but refused to go to the railroad station. White Eagle is a proud man, and said: "I wold not weep where men and women could see. I must retire alone."
Mr. Miller married Miss Mollie A. Carson in Louisville, Ky., January 10, 1866. They located at Newton, MO., in 1869, went to Baxter Springs, Kas, in 1880, and a year later moved to Winfield, Kas., which was their home at the time of his death. He left a widow, a daughter, Miss Alma Miller, and three sons, Joseph C. Miller, "Zack" Miller and George Miller.

"An Old-Time Cattleman," The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, Missouri), 28 April 1903, page 9; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 3 January 2023).

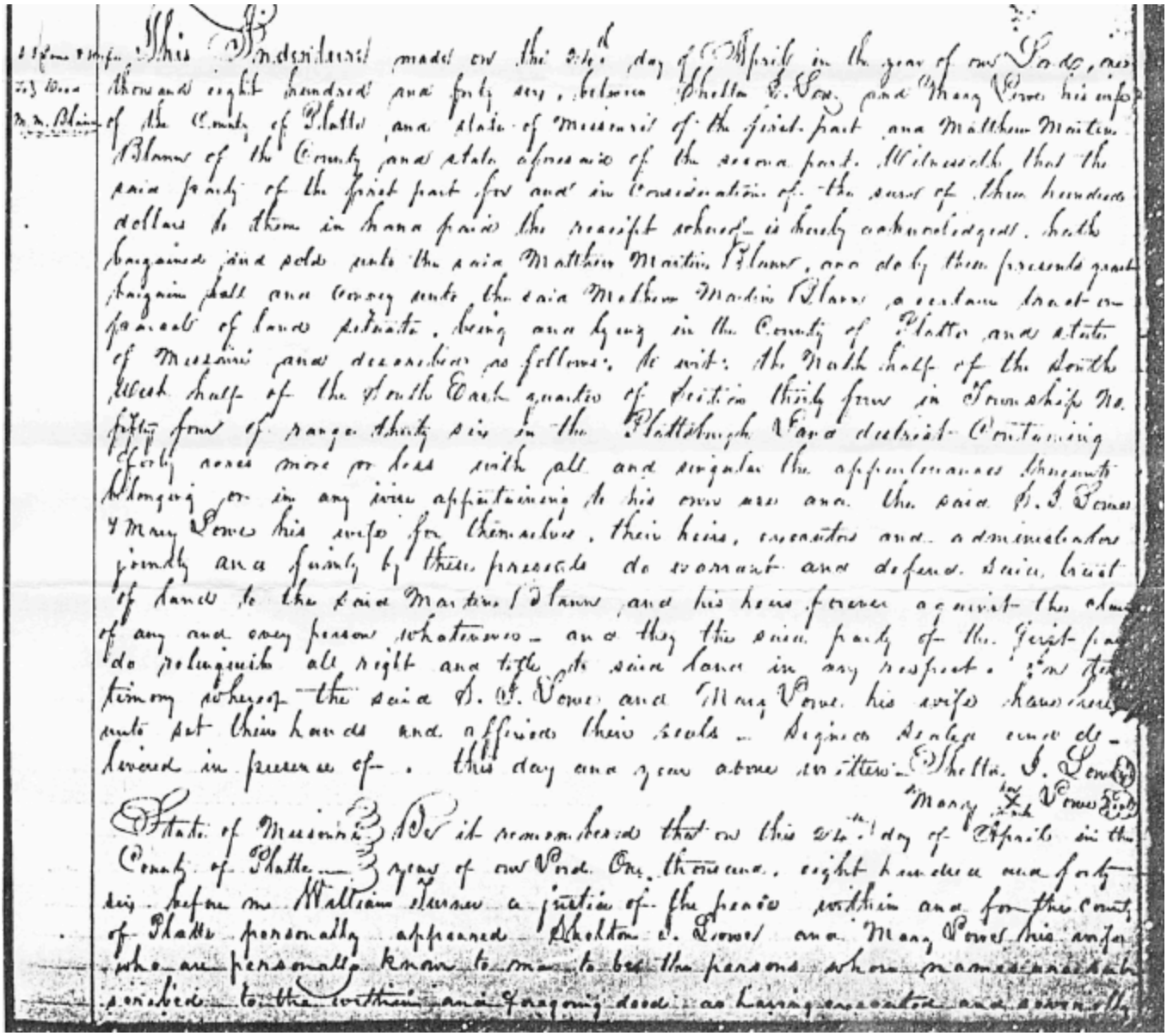
Friday Finds

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 19, 2024
Bland,Missouri

Today's find comes from a letter written to the Recorder of Deeds for Platte County, Missouri in 1998 when copies of deeds for Matthew M. Bland were requested. Below is the transcription of the deed from Book D page 258. Unfortunately, page 259 was not received with the original request. Thus, part of the justice of the peace's testimony is missing.

> This Indenture made on this [24th] day of April in the year of our Lord one
> thousand eight hundred and forty six between Shelton L. Lowe and Mary Lowe his wife
> of the county of Platte and sate of Missouri of the first part and Matthew Martin
> Blann of the County and state aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the
> said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundreds
> dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath
> bargained and sold unto the said Matthew Martin Blann and do by these presents grant
> bargain sell and covey unto the said Matthew Martin Blann a certain tract or
> parcel of land situate being and lying in the county of Platte and state
> of Missouri and described as follows: to wit: the north half of the south
> west half of the south east quarter of section thirty four in township NO.
> fifty four of range thirty six in the Plattsburgh land district containing
> forty acres more or less with all and singular the appurtenance thereunto
> belonging or in any wise appertaining to his own use and the said S L Lowe
> & Mary Lowe his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators
> jointly and firmly by these present so warrant and defend said tract
> of land to the said Martin Blann and his heirs forever against the claim
> of any and every person whatsoever and they the said party of the first part
> do relinquish all right and title to said land in any respect. In tes
> timony whereof the said S L Low and Mary Lowe his wife have here
> unto set their hands and affixed their seals Signed Sealed and de
> livered in presence of . this day and year above written
> Shelton L. Lowe (seal)
> Mary (her mark) Lowe (seal)
>
> State of Missouri
> Count of Platte
>
> Be it remembered that on this 24th day of April in the
> year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
> six before me William Turner a justice of the peace within and for the county
> of Platte personally appeared Shelton L. Lowe and Mary Lowe his wife
> who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are sub
> scribed to the within and foregoing deed as having executed and severally

Platte County Missouri, Deeds, Book D page 258, Mathew Bland, 24 April 1846; Recorder of Deeds, Platte County Courthouse.



This Indenture made on the 8th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, between Shelton S. Powers and Mary Powers his wife of the County of Platte and state of Missouri of the first part and Matthew Martin Blanes of the County and state aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold unto the said Matthew Martin Blanes, and do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Mathew Martin Blanes a certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Platte and state of Missouri and described as follows, to wit: the North half of the South West half of the South East quarter of section thirty four in Township No. fifty four of range thirty six in the Platte Land district containing forty acres more or less with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to his own use and. the said S. S. Powers & Mary Powers his wife for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally by these presents do warrant and defend. Said tract of land to the said Martin Blanes and his heirs forever against the claims of any and every person whatsoever - and they the said party of the first part do relinquish all right and title to said land in any respect. In testimony whereof the said S. S. Powers and Mary Powers his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals. Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of. this day and year above written. Shelton S. Powers / Mary Powers

State of Missouri } Be it remembered that on this 8th day of April in the County of Platte } year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty six before me William Stevens a justice of the peace within and for the county of Platte personally appeared Shelton S. Powers and Mary Powers his wife who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within and foregoing deed as having executed and acknowledged

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 20, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

1940 Draft Order

Continued from 23 Dec 2023 Saturday Tidbits

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First Blanks This Week To the Draftees
Questionnaires Will Likely Start into the Mails Wednesday
The county has a total of 1695 men registered. There has been a great amount of clerical work in handling the registration cards, listing order numbers, preparing “cover sheets” in which each questionnaire will be filed, and now is re-sorting the registration cards and placing them in alphabetical arrangement.
First questionnaires go to the men who want to enlist for their year of service, regardless of order number. Also for early handling are the men who have enlisted, as with the national guard and are awaiting call.
Order numbers were assigned recently to registration cards. The county office is now completing a full order number list. The Courier-Tribune will print this list in the next few papers, as space permits, because it is official.

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253 Delbert Anthony Stowell
254 James Craig
255 Nelson Garner Beard
256 Joseph Andrew Baker
257 Arthur John Beyer
258 Charley Louis Pittinger Jr
259 Bernard Severt Brack
260 Glen Loyd Heiser
261 George Arthur Sausser
262 Nelson Gerald Torrey
263 John Eugene Snodgrass
264 Simon Anthony Roeder
265 Wilbur Earl Hartter
266 Walter E. Walkington
267 Albert John Boeckman
268 Donald Edward Dandliker
269 John Wendell Tyler
270 Alvin Harry Herrmann
271 Norbert Earl Hoffman
272 Wilbur Moore
273 Charles Francis McMahon
274 Weldon Wesley Kendall
275 Lowell Marsh Allison
276 James Edward Sheik
277 Henry Joseph Macke Jr
278 Clarence Eugene Gerber
279 Albert John Ronnebaum

280 Chester W. Havley
281 Louis Menold
282 Kenneth L Armstrong
283 Kenneth Nelson Joiner
284 Victor F. Buser
285 Joseph John Burdick
286 Garrett F. Culhan JR
287 Harold Bishop Ham
288 Joseph C. Hunninghake
289 Milburn Burton Stout
290 Virgil H. R. Sires
291 Virgil William Schooler
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293 Willis Wilfred Walters
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296 William Thomas White
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298 August Joseph Glissman
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300 Ivan Lester Roberts
301 Byron Augustus Yost
302 Albert Harold McCaffrey
303 Samuel Edward Hunzeker
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307 George William Clark
308 Louis Boniface Grollmes
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310 Harry Edward McCabe Jr
311 Gilbert John Gerber
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313 Alfred Junior Molineux
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315 Roy Benny Rokey
316 Louis Alphonse Buessing
317 Arthur Lawrence Bergman
318 Lawrence William Savage
319 John Olof Bentsen
320 Lawrence August Haverkamp
321 Reugen Rudolph Locher
322 Aloysius Bernard Tangeman
323 Murray Orvie Thompson
324 Clarence Galen Freel
325 Wilfred Joseph Broxterman
326 Kenneth Oliver Hollenbeck
327 Ocel Huff Brammer
328 Samuel Newton Robbins
329 John Theodore Barnes
330 Arnold James MIller
331 John Richard Moore
332 Wilbur Brouhard
333 Sylvester John Kongs
334 Wilfred Bernard Kramer
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336 Lyle Allen Springer
337 Mac David Bowen
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340 Lester Eugene Noble
341 Albert Joseph Schmits Jr
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343 Melvin Milo Most
344 Alvin Henry Hoch
345 Raymond Leonard Mooney

346 Daniel Francis Mitchell
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355 Carl Louis Hartman
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361 Louis Vance Slocum
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366 Alvin Francis Strahm
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377 John Jordan Barrett
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382 Frederick Thomas Bauer
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392 Charles Martin Shaffer
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452 William Michael Kennedy
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462 Leo Lucas
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465 Lawrence Harrison Shuck
466 Cyril Joseph Lauer
467 Norbert Leo Huerter
468 Lynn Thomas King
469 Roy Fern Wade
470 Clarence Edwin Maelzer
471 Glen James Madden
472 Gottlieb Emil Eichenberger
473 Tobias Jesse Strahm
474 James Walter Smith
475 William Albert Gugelman

476 Walter Charles Metzger
477 Lawrence M. Sigmund
478 Alvin Francis Huber
479 Joseph Arthur Emert
480 Harry Rogers
481 George William Hartter
482 Francis Albert Reatliff
483 Virgil Bernard Haug
484 Earl Arealius Hightower
485 Elmer Samuel Isch
486 Frank Timothy Heiman
487 Stephen Dennis Glynn
488 John Kenneth Kenworthy
489 Cameron Earl Nickels
490 Donald Poe Dittemore
491 Clement Peter Schmelzle
492 Paul Patrick Smith
493 Harvey Charles Robison
494 Walter Leuthold
495 Melvin Bernard Stallbaumer
496 Ivan J. Nicholas Christman
497 Adrian Maurice Haug
498 George Stephen Moore
499 Walter Emil Meyer
500 Vollie Aloysius Shump

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 21, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

It's Saturday Night again –

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Who are your favorite genealogy researchers, speakers or writers? Who do you learn from? Please list ten or more genealogists who contribute to your genealogy education and experience through books, magazines, videos, podcasts, social media, websites, blogs, webinars, seminars, conferences, presentations, workshops, meetings, other ways or venues, etc.

Who do I learn from? To answer this question, I also need to think about my learning style. While my husband will search for a YouTube video on how to do something, I search for written directions.

When it comes to improving my knowledge of genealogical research, the same is true. I tend to prefer the written vs the video format.

That said, there is a video format that I've found very helpful: Special Interest Groups. I have been a regular participant in Topeka Genealogical Society's Computer Interest Group for the past few years. While their meetings conflict with my volunteer hours at the Nemaha County Historical Society, weather allowed me to pariticpate in TGS's recent SIG: Brick Wall Research. Because I thoroughly enjoyed this Brick Wall SIG and learned a lot, I'm going to try and rearrange my schedule to participate in future meetings.

Participating in these SIGs was not my first experience with learning via ZOOM. That honor would go to Mondays with Myrt. Participating in Mondays with Myrt exposed me to a variety of techniques and guaranteed that I kept up to date with genealogy news.

So how do I keep up now that Dear Myrtle has retired? I read genealogy blogs. Each morning after reading a Kansas newspaper, I use Feedly to browse thru genealogy blogs, reading those of interest to me. I have over 240 blogs in my Feedly account. I also belong to quite a few genealogy and history groups on Facebook. While I don't spend a lot of time on Facebook, I do see posts that help me learn about regional resources.

While I gravitate to the 'written' word, I at times use videos. Even though I am subscribed to quite a few genealogy related YouTube channels, I tend to watch genealogy related videos when I'm seeking an answer to a specific question. My YouTube statistics would likely identify GenealogyTV and Ancestry's Barefoot Genealogist as the channels I watch the most often. Another source that I turn to at times is Legacy Tree Webinars.

Over the years, I've found that genealogy conferences are a great way to learn and to connect. I've been a 'Not at RootsTech' participant for quite a few years. (RootsTech 2024 Registration) I really enjoy this conference becaust it

- provides exposure to new ideas,
- provides exposure to well known genealogists and
- allows me to connect with others via Relatives at Rootstech.

While it has been quite a few years since I took a genealogy related 'course', I will be starting a yDNA course offered by Your DNA Guide starting on Monday.

So who are my favorites?

- Your DNA Guide – Diahann Southard
- Genetic Genealogist – Blaine Bettinger
- GenealogyTV – Constance Knox
- Barefoot Genealogist – Crista Cowan
- Legal Genealogist – Judy Russell
- Evidence Explained – Elizabeth Shown Mills
- Genea-Musings – Randy Seaver

- Archivist – Michele Simmons Lewis (on Facebook)
- Genealogy Bargains – Thomas MacEntee
- Dave Nicolson – Crawford yDNA Project Administrator
- Empty Branches on the Family Tree – Linda Stufflebeam
- Genealogy a la Carte – Gail Dever
- Family History Fanatics – Andy and Devon Noel Lee
- Ancestor Hunt – Kenneth Marks
- Genealogy's Star
- Kentucky – Tennesssee Research Associates – Mark Lowe
- Genealogy Tip of the Day – Michael John Neill
- Climbing My Family Tree – Marian B. Wood

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 23, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Harry Bieri

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Word of Reuben Bieri form High Authority

(last paragraph)

Harry Bieri, other navy son of the Bieri's, formerly stationed on the east coast, was transferred to San Diego a month ago and is on the U.S.S. Hammann.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
29 Jul 1940

His Ship Back from London

"Harry Bieri, a brother, is with the fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at present."

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
23 Jan 1941
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More Nemaha county boys whom national defense measures are taking far form home: Alvin Gugelman and Donald Crofoot of Bern, Harry Bieri of Seneca. They are stationed on the U.S.S. Hammann, which left San Diego Jan. 14, for the Hawaiian Islands.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
5 May 1941
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Harry Bieri who is stationed on the U.S.S. Hamman at Mare Island, California, came home Friday evening to visit a couple of weeks with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri. Mr. Bieri met him in Omaha.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas
19 Jun 1941
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Navy in Quick Moves, His Addresses Show

Sheriff Pete Bieri had The Courier Tribune sent to Harry Bieri, on the U.S.S. Hamman, a light cruiser, to San Diego address three weeks ago. The address was changed this week to New York City, from which the navy mail is distributed along the east coast. Harry had written form Philadelphia. His letter home stated he was not able to say where his vessel was going or for how long but that he would drop postcards, so the censor would have not trouble. This indication of censorship is the first that has appeared that mail form Uncle Sam's forces is being inspected. It is a war move.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
6 Nov 1941
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Reuben Bieri Rates in Class of 44

“Harry Bieri, Reuben’s brother is on sea duty in one of Uncle Sam’s newest cruisers. This boat is equipped with the most modern devices to combat submarines and there is no doubt but Harry is in the thick of the sea war against German raiders. His ship has instruments which are capable of tracing the course of subs and of determining the depth to which they are submerged. Sheriff Bieri believes the U.S. Navy men are delivering mighty wallops at the German subs though of course he has no proof of it.

The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
12 March 1942
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Bern

Mrs. Pete Bieri, Seneca, sent word to Mrs. Fred Gugelman that Alvin Gugelman is O.K. He is on the U.S. destroyer Hammann with Harry Bieri, who wrote both are well.

Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas0
22 Jun 1942
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Report Harry Bieri Is Killed in Action

Was on Destroyer in the Pacific

Served int he Navy over 10 years
Telegram to his parents
Sheriff Mrs. Pete Bieri of Seneca

Harry Bieri, the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri, is first youth from Seneca and Bern communities to lose his life in World War II.
Mr. and Mrs. Bieri received a telegram Saturday morning from the Navy department at Washington, stating that Harry had been killed in action in the performance of duty and in the service of his country.
Harry ranked as a chief fire controlman on a destroyer. It had been in the Pacific since about the first of the year. Where the action took place in which Harry was lost, or the date, were not given in the telegram. There was also no word about the ship. The navy asked that to prevent possible aid to our enemies, that the name of the ship not be divulged.
If the ship was sunk, there has yet been no news release concerning it.
Chief Fire Controlman, Bieri was born Jule 29, 1913. He wold have been 29 years old Sunday. He had been in the navy 10 years last April, joining the year following his graduation from Bern high school.
Both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bieri have followed the navy. Reuben, the older son is on the Massachusetts, recently commissioned battleship. Both sons have advanced step by step to be chief fire controlmen. Harry made this rating a year ago in June.
Their sisters are Opal, who is Mrs. Wayne Hullett, Leadville, Colo., and Ann, Mrs. Melvin Raab, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
The telegram to the parent leaves indefinite whether or not the body may be expected home in the near future. Evidently the wording of this part of the telegram is a form which could be used wherever the scene of action in which a sailor lost his life. It states that if not possible to send the body home, it will be interred temporarily in the locality where the action took place.
Mrs. Edwin Buehler, Red Cross chairman, is attempting to get more information for the parents.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
25 Jun 1942
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A Service for Harry Bieri

At the Home, Sunday Afternoon

A memorial service for Harry Bieri, U.S. Navy, Seneca’s first loss of the second world war, will be held at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bieri, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Tribute will be paid by the Rev. Charles A. Richard and Earle W. Taylor post of the American Legion will participate. A Masonic quartet will furnish the music.
Nothing more has been learned since the first telegram from the navy telling of Harry’s death, except that Mrs. Buehler, service chairman of the Red Cross, seeking further information for the family, received a telegram stating that navy regulations require local interment of persons lost in action, pending cessation of hostilities. Harry’s body is not expected

home, then, until the war is over. Plans were made for the memorial service after this word was received.
Mr. and Mrs. Bieri had not heard yesterday from their older son, Ruben, to whom they sent a telegram telling of Harry's death. It is presumed he is on the sea, and perhaps while his ship could receive messages, it could not risk making its position known by returning messages.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
29 Jun 1942
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In Tribute to Harry Bieri

He Gave His life for His Friends

The first memorial service of the community in this world war, was held yesterday for Harry Bieri, U.S. navy, the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri.
In the scripture reading by the Rev. W. H. Nelson of the Evangelical church of Bern, to which Harry belonged, was the verse from the 13th chapter of John, "Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends."
The verse formed the theme of the address by Rev. Charles A. Richard, Seneca. Asking who Harry's friends were, rev. Richard declared they were not only the members of his family and every citizen of the United States but every person, everywhere, who loves liberty, freedom and justice. They shall have these things, stated the pastor, because our boys are not making this
sacrifice in vain. HE envisioned a world order in which all peoples shall have the liberties that have been cherished in America through the years.
Quoting form Lincoln's Gettysburg address, the pastor asked for dedication to the task that lies before us.
The memorial service was in charge of Earl W. Taylor post of the American Legion, whose commander, George Springer, Jr., with Mrs. George Buser, president of the Auxiliary, took part in the service. Rev. Alex Eckert, Legion chaplain, gave prayer and benediction. A male quartet, D. Edward Taylor, Charles Jermane, Gordon Tate and Clifford Baldwin, with Mrs. Tate, accompanist sang, "Come Ye Disconsolate" "Benediction," and "Now the Day Is Over."

Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
13 Jul 1942
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Was on Ship with Harry Bieri

Bern Sailor is Home on Furlough
Alvin Gugelman, fireman 1st class, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gugelman of northeast of Bern, is home on a 15-day furlough.
Alvin was on the same ship as Harry Bieri, whose death in action was recently reported by the navy to his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri of Seneca. the ship was lost. Alvin will be able to give the family some definite word of their son's death. Beyond that, at the present time at least, little is available because of censorship. The navy has not yet made any announcement in regard to the vessel. Hope of this newspaper is that announcement will be made while Alvin is home so that more of the story can be given.
A clean-cut young sailor, Gugelman has been with the navy two and a half years. He is a graduate of Bern high school joined the navy the year following his graduation.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)
16 July 1942
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His Death in Great Battle

Turned Jap Fleet

Navy Releases Story of Midway and Loss of the Destroyer Hammann

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The Courier Tribune
23 Jul 1942
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Learned Harry Bieri Was Buried at Sea

Men Killed by Explosion of the Hammann

Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri, Seneca, who returned Sunday from a trip to South Carolina, have learned some of the circumstances of the death of their son, Harry V Bieri, fire controlman of the U.S. navy, who lost his life in the sinking of the U.S. Destroyer Hammann. The Hammann was lost int he battle of Midway, on June 5.
Harry Bieri was buried at sea, with the traditional rites of the U.S. Navy.
The Hammann was hit hard by two torpedoes. She went down in about two minutes.
Only some four or five men actually lost their lives with the ship. The others quickly abandoned the sinking vessel, grabbing their life belts and jumping to the sea. Rafts were cut loose from the side of the ship.
The major tragedy came after the ship had slid beneath the surface. Either depth bombs carried on the ship or her powder magazine exploded after she was no longer in view and it was this explosion from beneath that caught a number of men who were in the sea, killing or injuring them. Bieri was picked up and given medical treatment aboard another ship but his injury was fatal. He lived for some 12 hours after the sinking of the destroyer.
The only ship losses that the navy has reported from the battle of Midway are the loss of the Hammann and that the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown was put out of action.
The major action of the battle was over and some 20 Jap ships had been sunk when the torpedoes struck from a distant sub. It may have been several miles away.
The aircraft carrier had suffered some disablement. The Hammann was standing by and lines from its generators and perhaps fuel lines had been attached to the carrier. A few hours more and the Yorktown would have been under its own power and the two ships would have been proceeding separately.
Then came the torpedoes, spite of precautions.
Torpedoes can be seen coming and had the Hammann been free she would have had time to dodge. Standing by the carrier, however with lines to it, she had no chance to maneuver and caught the full force of two of the deadly torpedoes. It was tragic for the Hammann to be caught without chance after she had gone through two major battles, the Midway just ending, and earlier in the Coral sea.
In that earlier battle, too, the Hammann gave aid to an aircraft carrier. Items in daily newspapers have disclosed that the Hammann was one of the ships that picked up men from the carrier Lexington, when it was lost. The Hammann crowded some 450 to 500 men and took them to an undisclosed port. Frank Fangman, Seneca, who was on the Lexington, and was rescued, is believed to have been picked up the the Hammann.

Harry Bieri was buried at sea. His name is included on the ‘Tablets of Missing at Honolulu Memorial”

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Harry Vernon Bieri

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Full Name	Harry Vernon Bieri
State of Residence	District of Columbia
Death	6-Jun-42
Death Date	6 Jun 1942
Buried	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial Honolulu, Hawaii
Memorial Location	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Memorial Cemetery	Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial
Memorial Country	Honolulu, Hawaii
Rank	Chief Fire Controlman, U.S. Navy
Service Number	3418108
Regiment	United States Navy
Conflict Period	World War II
Awards	Purple Heart - Buried at Sea
Served for	United States of America
Views	0

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CFC Harry Vernon Bieri

BIRTH 21 Jun 1913

DEATH 6 Jun 1942 (aged 28)
At Sea

MONUMENT Honolulu Memorial
Honolulu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, USA *Add to Map*

PLOT Courts of the Missing

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Chief Fire Controlman Bieri was one of eighty-two crew killed when USS Hammann (DD-412) was torpedoed while alongside the damaged USS Yorktown during the Battle of Midway, June 6, 1942. The destroyer was hit amidship and sank in less than four minutes.

From Nebraska.

The family placed a tombstone in the cemetery at Bern, Kansas.

Photo added by Shirley H

Harry Vernon Bieri

BIRTH 21 Jun 1913

DEATH 6 Jun 1942 (aged 28)

BURIAL Bern Cemetery
Bern, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA *Add to Map*

PLOT Lot 142

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Proposing Merger

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 24, 2024
Crawford,Missouri

Have you ever looked at two different family groups and wondered if they were the same? As I'm trying to research the descendants of Alexander and Margaret (McElwee) Crawford, I'm struggling with their probable grandson, Jones A. Crawford, and his family.

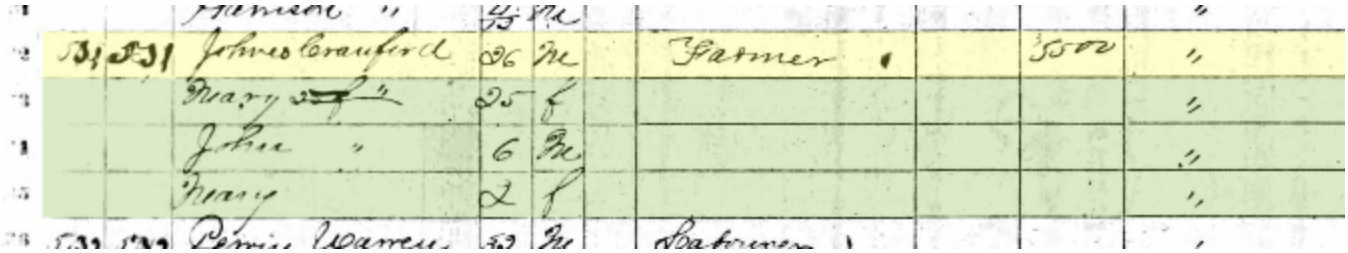
The FamilySearch profile for Alexander's son John Andrew Crawford includes two sons named Jones A. Crawford. Lt. Jones A. Crawford is shown with two wives: Mary A Fish and Amanda Lawrence Wilson with children identified for both wives.

- Children of Mary A Fish and Jones A. Crawford
  - John Crawford (1854-?)
  - Jones A. Crawford (1856-1925)
  - Mary Mollie Crawford (1858-1901)
- Children of Amanda Lawrence Wilson and Jones A. Crawford
  - Josiah Crawford (1868-?)
  - Emma Crawford (1870-?)
  - Charles Henry Crawford (1872-1948)

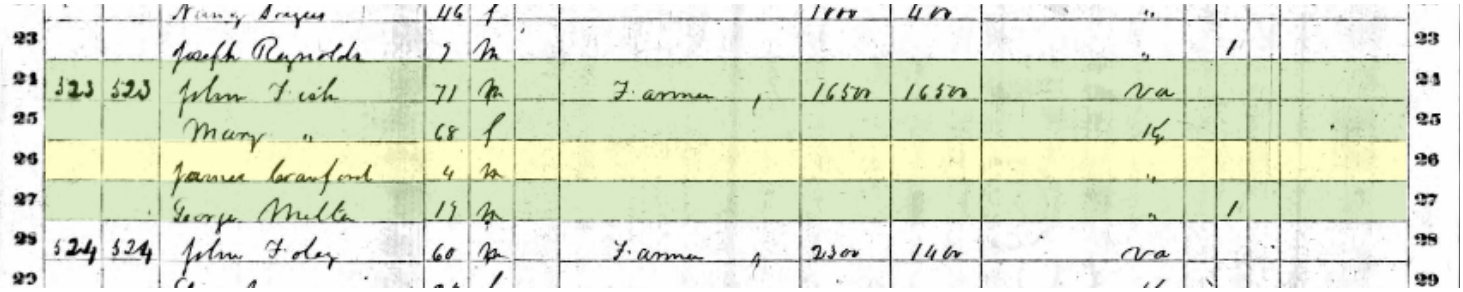
I've been able to find some records to support both of these families.

The 1860 census for Lincoln County, Kentucky includes the following household:

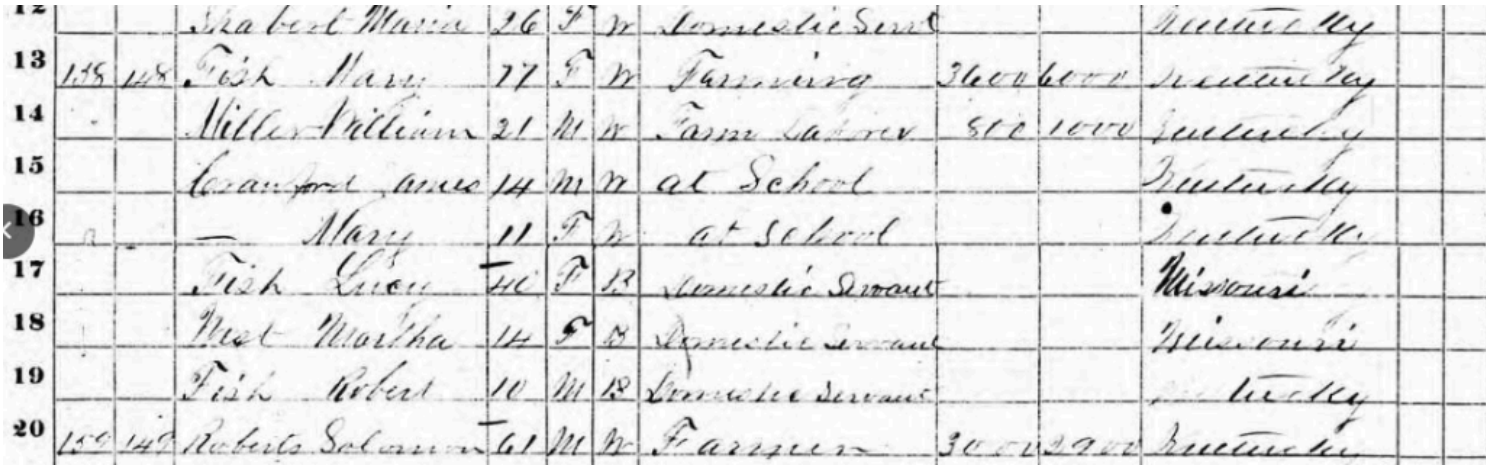
- Johnes Crawford, age 26 born in Kentucky
- Mary F. Crawford age 25 born in Kentucky
- John Crawford age 6 born in Kentucky
- Mary Crawford age 2 born in Kentucky



Missing from the above census record is Jones A. Crawford (born 1856). However, there is a 4 year old James Crawford in the household of John and Mary Fish. John and Mary are likely the parents of Mary Fish Crawford.



In 1870, the Mary Fish household includes two Crawford children: James, aged 14 and Mary, aged 11.



While I can't explain why these Crawford children were living in the FISH household, I believe they are the children of Jones A. Crawford and his wife Mary Fish. However, I'm still searching for records connecting John and Mary Fish to the Crawford children.

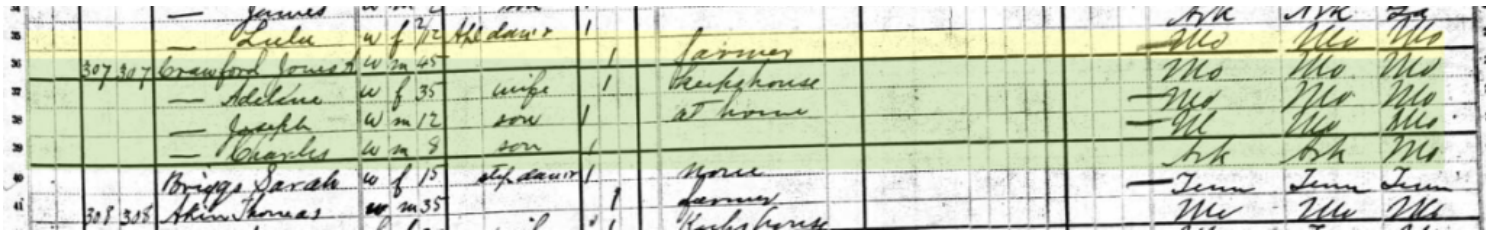
The 1870 census for Laclede County, Missouri includes the following household:

- Jones Crawford, age 36 born in Kentucky
- Amanda Crawford, age 22 born in Kentucky
- John Crawford, age 15 born in Kentucky
- Josiah Crawford, age 2 born in Kentucky
- Emma Crawford, age 4/12 born in Missouri

This census record supports the family of Jones Crawford and Amanda Wilson.

The profile for the second Jones A Crawford is based on one source: an 1880 census record for Marion County, Arkansas. This record includes the following in the household:

- Jones A. Crawford, age 45 head of household born in Missouri
- Adeline Crawford, 35 year old wife born in Missouri
- Joseph Crawford 12 year old son born in Missouri
- Charles Crawford 8 year old son born in Missouri
- Sarah Briggs 15 year old step-daughter born in Arkansas



This census record could be the family of Jones A. Crawford.

- Charles is the correct age
- Joseph could easily be Josiah and is the correct age

However, there are some discrepancies.

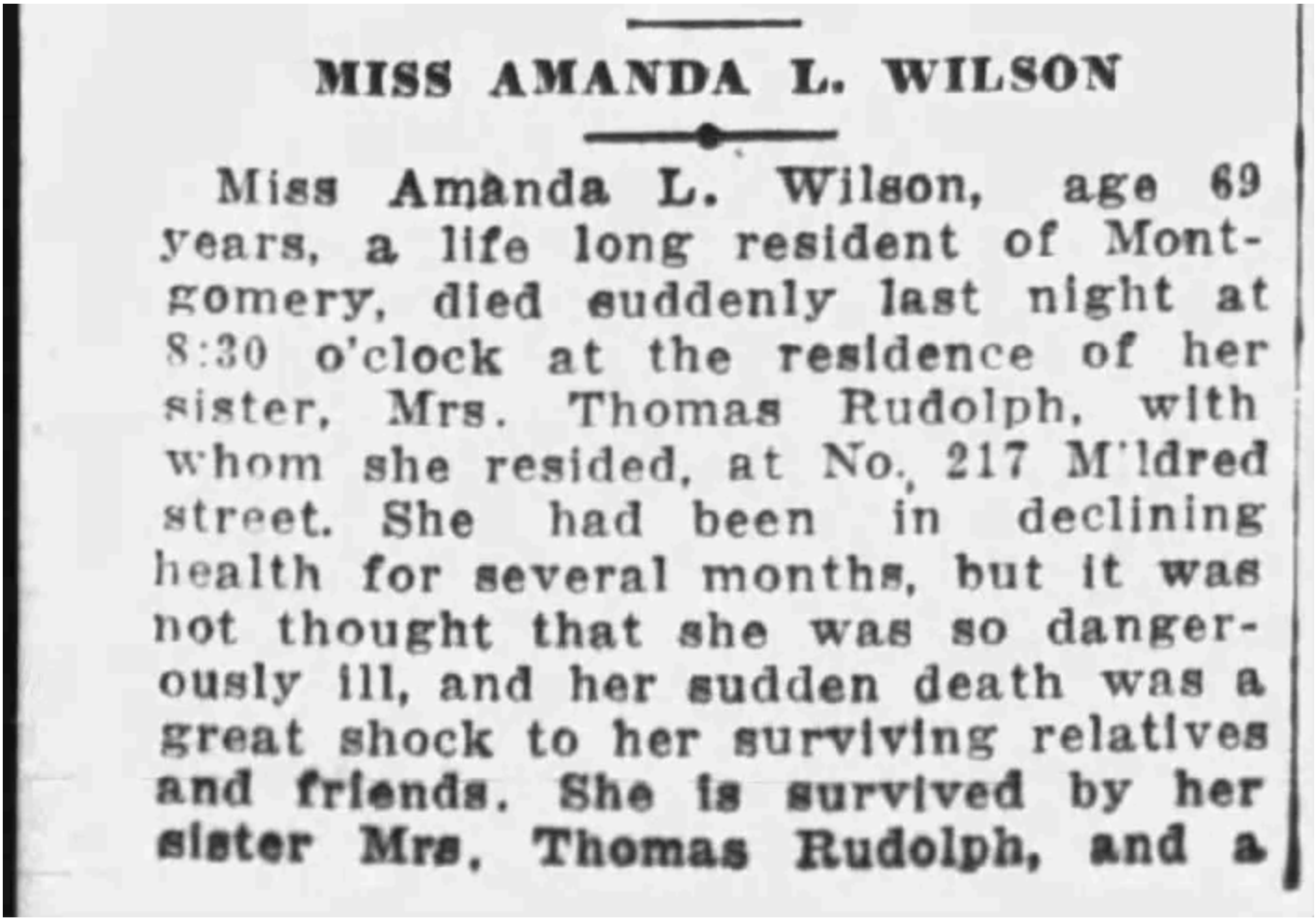
- Jones' wife in 1880 is identified as Adeline while the name is Amanda in 1870
- The birth locations are different.
- Emma is missing.

The missing Emma is found in the household of her half sister, Mary Crawford and her husband Reuben Brown.

Thus, I believe these two Jones A. Crawford profiles on FamilySearch are for the same man.

- Amanda could have had a middle name of Adeline
- Amanda could have died and Jonas married for a third time

Unfortunately, the profile for Jonas' wife, Amanda Wilson indicates she died in May 1916 in Alabama. While these Crawford families seemed to move a lot, it was mostly between Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. So far, I haven't found anything connecting them to Alabama. Thus, I started searching for records that support unattaching Find a Grave source for Amanda Lawrence Wilson. I was able to find an obituary in The Montgomery Advertiser (Montgomery, Alabama) that indicates Amanda Wilson was not married.



MISS AMANDA L. WILSON

Miss Amanda L. Wilson, age 69 years, a life long resident of Montgomery, died suddenly last night at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Rudolph, with whom she resided, at No. 217 M'ldred street. She had been in declining health for several months, but it was not thought that she was so dangerously ill, and her sudden death was a great shock to her surviving relatives and friends. She is survived by her sister Mrs. Thomas Rudolph, and a

The Montgomery Advertiser (Montgomery, Alabama) 31 May 1916, page 5

Thus, this Find a Grave record is for a different Amanda Wilson. Without the Find a Grave record, there is no source for Amanda Crawford's death. Thus, it is possible that she died prior to the 1880 census and that Jonas Crawford married for a third time.

I will merge these two men in my tree. However, I will wait to locate additional sourcing before merging them on FamilySearch. In the meantime, I will post a note suggesting the possible merger.

Wife's Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 25, 2024
Crawford,Texas

I'm sure you've come across the will of a wife. However, have you discovered a will for a wife written before the death of the husband? I have to admit that I don't think I've found such a situation before.

As I was working thru Ancestry hints for John Carroll Crawford (1824-1901), I found the will of his wife, Maria Josefa De La Garza. This will was written in 1871.

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Last Will and Testament of Josefa Crawford, Deceased

I, Josefa Crawford, a resident of the County of Bexar and State of Texas being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make declare and publish this my last will and testament Item 1st: I leave all my property and estate, real, personal and mixed, and as well separate as community property to be divided by and between my husband, John C. Crawford and the children of our bodies begotten, or be to begotten, according to the law of descent and distribution of this State. Item 2d In case my said husband survives me I appoint him my sole Executor with full power to manage, control, use, dispose of sell, mortgage or exchange all or any part of my said property and Estate as he may deem best for the interests of my said heirs; nor shall this power cease unless said John C. Crawford shall marry. IN which event I desire that all of my said Estate be divided among my said heirs as indicated in Item no. 1. All my said children to share and share alike. Item 3rd. I desire that no action be had in the District or other court, in the Administration of my Estate except what is imperative in law, to-wit: to prove and record this my las will and testament. Item 4th: I especially desire and request that no bond be required of my said executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of subscribing wit nesses at San Antonio Texas this 9th day of November A.D. 1870
Josefa Crawford
Witness
Ferd HErff, E. J. Chavez

The State of Texas
County of Bexar
Dist. Court &c, June Term, 1871 No 934, Estate of Josefa Crawford Dec'd & Proof of last will and testament of Josefa Crawford Dec'd. This day, personally appeared in open Court E J Chavez who being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove

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said Will, say, I was well acquainted with Josefa Crawford dec'd during her life time; I knew the above decedent for about twenty five years before her death, the signature of said deceased to the instrument now shown to and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament, and bearing date 9th of November in the year A.D. 1870, was made by the deceased at her residence County of Bexar San Antonio Texas in presence of myself, E J Chavez; and Dr. [G] Herff, the other subscribing witness, all of said wit-nesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and she declared the said will so made by her to be her last will and test-ament and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, together with Dr. [G.] Herff; and ' at the request of said testator, in her presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the executing of said instrument, was about thirty five years of age , the said Josefa Crawford departed this life on the 28th day of March A.D. 1871 about four months and a half after making said

Will E J. Chavez Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June A.D. 1871 M. Slocum Clk D.C.B.Co. The State of Texas County of Bexar Dist Court &c., June Term 1871. No 934 Estate of Josefa Crawford decd. Proof of last will and Testament of Josefa Crawford, Dec'd This day, personally appeared in open Court Dr. G. Herff , who being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said Will, say. I was well acquainted with Josefa Crawford dec'd during her life time. I knew the above decedent for about ten years before her death; the signature of said deceased to the instrument now sown to me and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament, and bearing date 9th of Nov int he year A.D. 1870 was made by the deceased at her residence county of Bexar San Antonio Texas in presence of myself Dr g Herff ; and E. J. Chavez, the other subscribing witness; all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the making of said Will the testament was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and she declared the said Will so made by her to be her last will and testament, and I thereupon signed m name as a witness, together with E. J. Chavez; and ; at the
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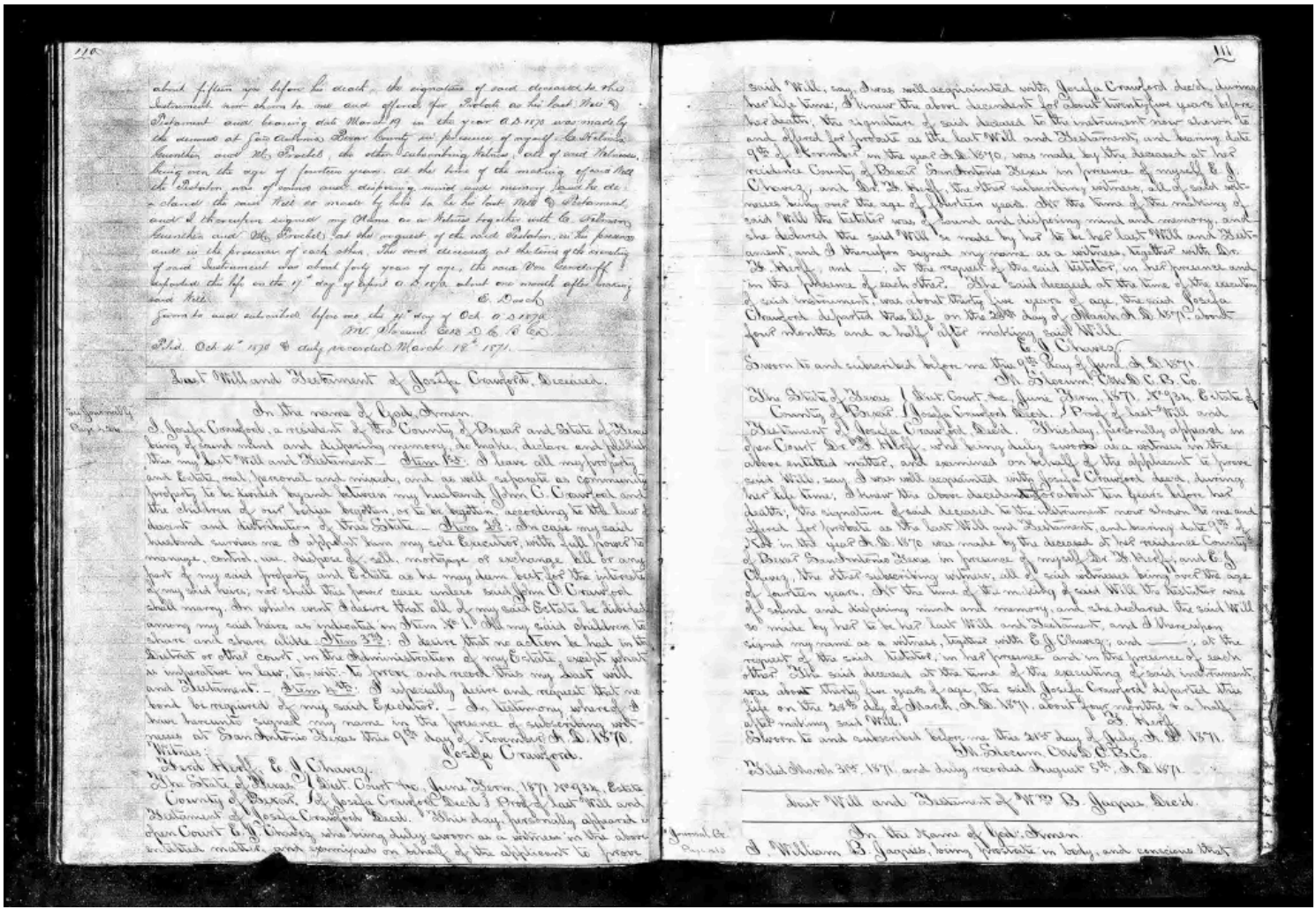
other. The said deceased at the time of the Said Josefa Crawford departed this
life on the 28th day of March, A.D 1871. about four months & a half
after making said will.
G. Herff
Sworn to and subscribed before me the 21st day of July A.D. 1871
M. Slocum Clk D.C.B.Co.
Filed March 31st 1871 and duly recorded August 5th A.D. 1871

Texas, Wills and Probate Records, 1833-1974, Josefa Crawford, 9 November 1870; digitized images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : viewed online 11 January 2024).



Since this document includes the death date of Josefa Crawford as 28 March 1871, I searched for an obituary or other news announcement. Unfortunately, I did not find anything for Josefa Crawford. But, I did find an obituary for her daughter, Grace Crawford, who died in 1920.

San Antonio Evening News
2 Jul 1920 page 12

> At the Loring Mortuary
> Crawford — Miss Grace Crawford, 53 years of age, died at Kerrville Thursday morning at 5:30 o'clock, after a brief illness. Her death was unexpected and caused great sorrow among her numerous friends. Her body will be brought to this city and the funeral will be held form the residence 829 Guenther Street, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Miss Crawford as born September 14, 1856, in San Antonio, and was the daughter of an early pioneer, well known in Texas history. She is the sister of the late Charles K. Crawford, for many years Count Commissioner of Bexar County. Her mother, Mrs. Josefa G. Crawford, was a descendant of both the Nuevo Leon settlers, who came to this city in 1718, and the Canary Islanders who came in 1731. She leaves behind to mourn her untimely death three sisters, Mrs. E. G. Trueheart and Misses Lizzie and Mary Crawford, besides many other relatives which include many of the best citizens follows: James Trueheart, John Trueheart, George Trueheart, Manuel Yturri, Robert Yturri and Burt DeWitt. The funeral services will be read by Rev. Arthur Jones. Interment will be made in City Cemetery No. 1
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> *"At the Loring Mortuary," San Antonio Evening News (San Antonio, Texas), 2 July 1920, page 12; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 11 January 2024).*

Since my knowledge of Texas history is minimal, I turned to Google for help learning more about Josefa's ancestry. While my search was not ver fruitful, I did find a Wikipedia article for Josefa's father.

José Antonio de la Garza

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

José Antonio de la Garza (May 31, 1776 – 1851?), was a Tejano who was the first landowner in San Antonio, Texas, and the first man to create a coin in this state. Antonio de la Garza was elected mayor of San Antonio in 1813 and 1832.

Biography [edit]

Early years [edit]

Antonio de la Garza was born in San Antonio de Béjar, Texas, on May 31, 1776. His parents were Leonardo de la Garza and Magdalena Martinez. His ancestors came from Nuevo Leon (modern Mexico).[1] In 1813, he became the first elected mayor of San Antonio.[2]

The first coin in Texas [edit]

In 1818, after acquiring permission from the government of Texas, he created the first coin that existed in Texas. "On one side of the coin", de la Garza imprinted his initials "JAG" (José Antonio de la Garza) as well as, the year it was minted (1818). On the other side of the coin, he fixed a drawing of one star.

The importance of this event was not only the creation of the first coin of Texas, but also that the star symbol drawn in the currency is said to have served of inspiration to the symbol of modern State of Texas, the "Lone Star."

De la Garza used a building located between the Houston and Soledad streets for the minting of coins. He minted them for a year and a half.[1]

Landowner [edit]

In 1824, thanks to the success of its currency, de la Garza obtained a large extension of land (which consisted of two leagues) between San Antonio and Medina River. In doing so, he "became one of the largest landowners in *Bexar County*".[1]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Antonio_de_la_Garza

Finding Josefa's will led me to learning that her family was instrumental in the settlement of the San Antonio area.

Photos

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 26, 2024
Dodge City

Do you have a photo album handed down thru the family that does not contain family photos? That's what I'm faced with as I go thru my grandmother's photo albums.

Instead of just throwing away the photos, my husband said to scan them and share them. So, I took the easy route and scaned them while in the album.

My grandmother rented rooms to wives of the pilots stationed at Dodge City during World War II. She kept in contact with many of these families over the years. I believe some of these photos are of those families. The rest are likely Dodge City friends.

Genie Hetzel
MARY-Genie-Claude Het
CHUCK STRAIN
NORMA-PAUL RAGSDATE
MAC-MAUD McCOY

The
Bill
Billy-Candy-Lynn
Merritts
Just to wish you
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
The Alton's
Stella + Frank

"The Chuck Brehms"
Lois-Charles
1968
Marnie-Jeannette-Cutler Baldwin
1967
1970

NOV • 67
The Berkes
The Berkes
GLADY
FuM
New

Shirley + Curtis Craig
The Conards
Hair, Eleanor, Sharlene, Mark and Bret
Curtis Craig
Sharlene Conard
Stevie Craig
Stevie Craig

EVELYN GARTON
EVELYN

David - Henry
Stephanie
Henrys
Stephanie Shannon David
David Stephanie Henrys
Grunke
Grunke
Bill-Bell-Richard
Merle Bell

CURT
GREG
RALPH-NORMA
ETHEL-WALT-BEGGS
CURT-NORMA-RALPH-GREG Gillon
BILL GREVING

DEC • 54
The Hensley Family
SANDY-ANSELM-KEN ZINK

Names in this album:

- Nelsons (photos dated 56)

- Evelyn Garton (56)
- Genie Hetzel / Mary, Genie, Claude Hetzel
- Chuck Strain
- Norma, Paul Ragsdale
- Mac, Maude McCoy
- Shirley / Curtis Craig
- Stevie Craig
- The Conard: Clair, Elanor, Sharlene, Mark and Bret
- Stella and Frank Alton
- Bill Merrits: Billy, Candy, Lynn
- The Bserke
- Grunke
- Bill Bell / Richrd
- Merle Bell
- Stephanie, David, Shannon Henry
- The Chuck Brehms
- Marnie, Jeanette, Cutler Baldwin
- Lois Charles, Burke
- The Hensley family
- Sandy, Angela, Ken Zink
- Curt, Norma, Ralphm Greg Guilfoil
- Bill Greiving

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 27, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kanss)
5 December 1940
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Draft Order
(Official List Continued)

No. 338 was dropped off thelast printed list in handling of the type. This order number is held by Lyle Arthur Steck. The list continues from 500

500 Vollie Aloysius Shump
501 Paul Bingham Breitweiser
502 Max Clarence Leuze
503 Clayton George Whisler
504 Charles Harold Barrett
505 John Albert Buessing
506 Cletus Henry Lackey
507 Forrest Edward Kessler
508 Donald John Van Donge
509 William Harold Long
510 Gerald Frederick Summers
511 Joseph Julius Berger
512 Lewis Albert Carpenter
513 Calvin Wayne Gordon
514 Gerald Patrick Gaughan
515 Earl Hugh Wilson
516 Roland reed Cordon
517 Henry A. Woolsoncroft
518 John B. Rethman
519 Efton Lymon Baker
520 Francis Leroy Flentie
521 Henry Dale Burkholder
522 Fred Elwood Busenbark
523 Arthur Frederick Klahr
524 Harmon Robert Spiker
525 Adolph Albert Hermesch
526 Marion Duane Noble
527 Walter John Eisenbarth
528 Lambert John Heinen
529 Lorin Laverne Sweetland
530 Neill Frederick Werner
531 Vernon Allen Groff
532 Harry Kenneth Meers
533 John Jerome Mulroy
534 LeRoy Ernest Leuze
535 Clyde Jake Ralston
536 Anthony Wm. Tanking
537 Floyd Albert Cox
538 Edwin Charles Porter
539 Martin Joseph Rucker
540 Charles Aloysius Nolte
541 Francis Adolph Gabbert
542 Leander Joseph Kokenge
543 Clarence Hart Steele
544 Henry Alvin Warren

545 Nolen Peter Madden
546 Walter Franklin Bryan
547 Glen Emmett Miller
548 Alban Matthias Haug
549 Roy Everet Marx
550 Carson Ray Hinton
551 Cyril Bernard Lackey
552 Alvin Melvin Meade
553 George Clarence Geisel
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560 Benedict Joseph Olberding
561 Clarence Pratt Wohlford
562 Joseph Ferdinand Steinlage
563 Wilbur Virgil Ward
564 William James Baker
565 Garth H Smith
566 John Peter Latus
567 Ralph Elvin Mayer
568 Celestine Peter Axiere
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570 Lester Merle Alderfer
571 Jonas Elmer Smith
572 Verne Wm. Watson
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574 Merle Edward Marti
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578 Edward Timothy Heiman
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587 Joseph Henry Buessing
588 Lloyd LeRoy Niccum
589 Lawrence Holmes Brown
590 George Frederick Alley
591 Eldon Charles Snyder
592 Frank William Lichter
593 Paul Henry Lierz
594 Samuel George Gill
595 Bennie William Feek
596 Lawrence Elvin Watkins
597 Roy Clarence Lehmann
598 Russell Winifried Perry
599 Arthur John Kramer
600 Marvin Wilmer Broadbent

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 28, 2024
RootsMagic 9

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

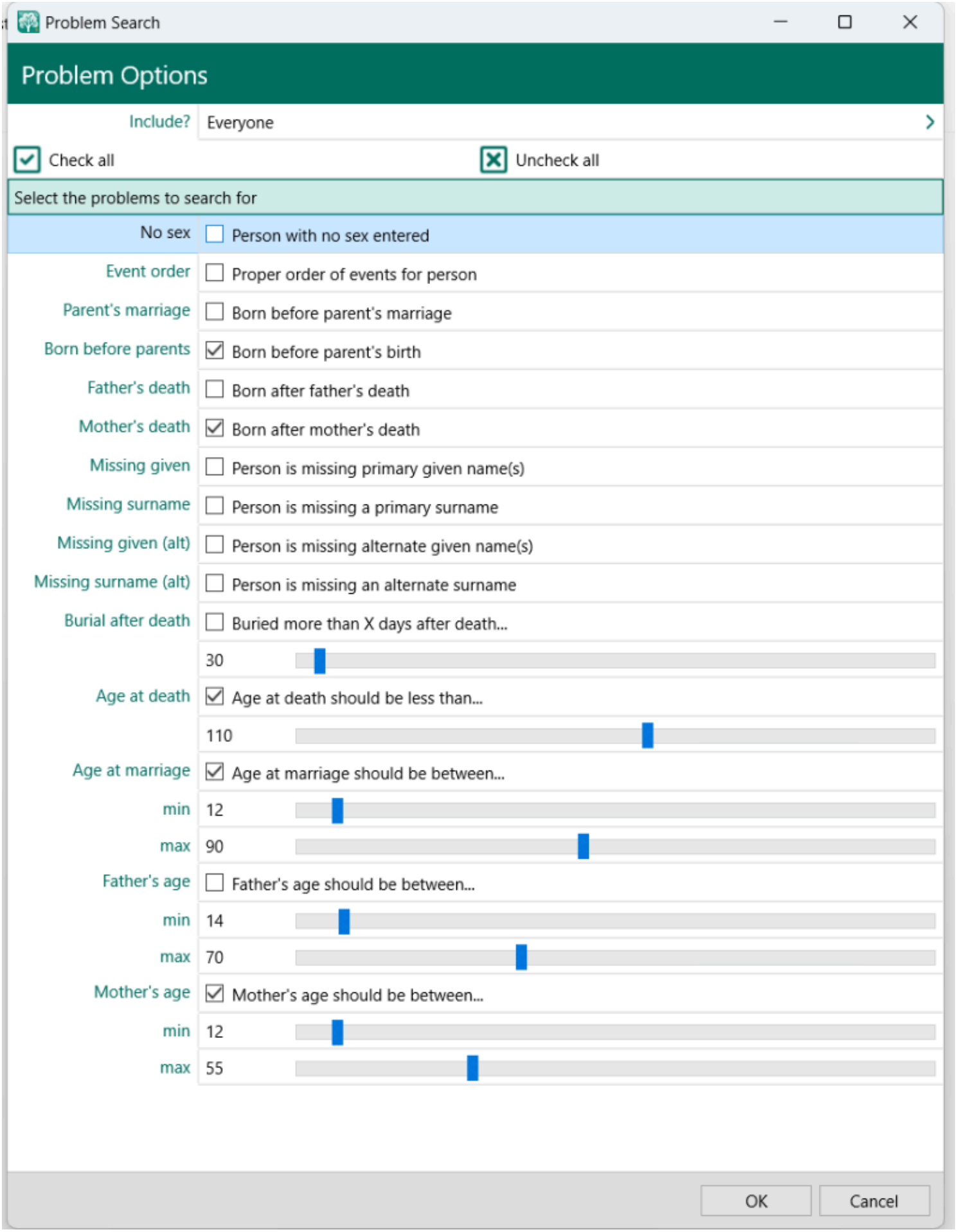
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you run a "Problem Search," "Problem List," or "Consistency Check" or similar in your genealogy software or online family tree? Do it now, and tell us which program or online tree you used and what your results were.

Problems! Problems! Problems!

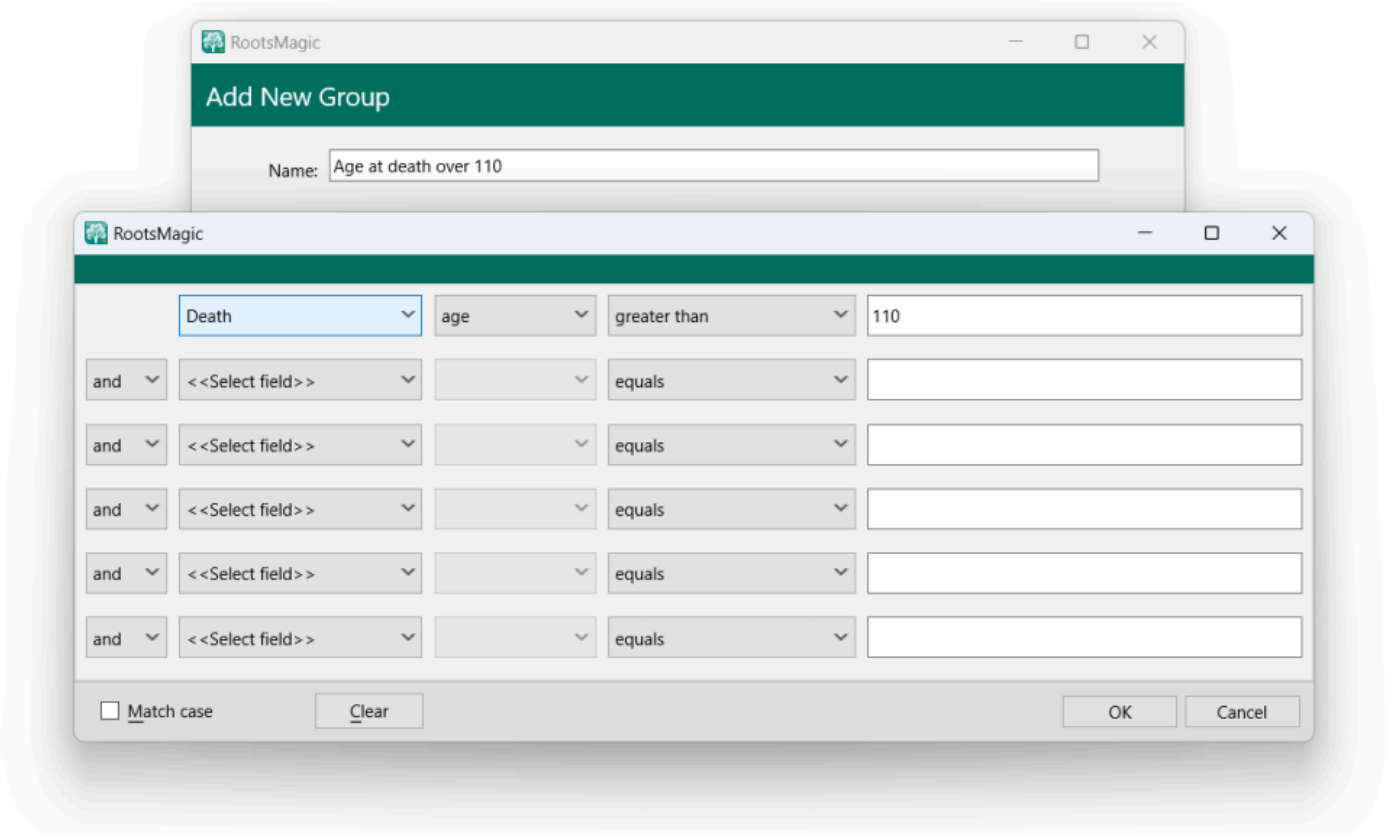
Do you have errors in your tree? If you have a small tree, it is probable that you can answer that question with a negative. However, it is easy to make a typo when entering information in a tree. And those typos can get buried in a large tree. Thankfully, there are tools to find such errors. Since my tree is stored on my computer in RootsMagic 9, I can use the Problem Search tool embedded in the software. While it might be tempting to check all of the categories at once, I find it easier to look at these problems one at a time.

Like Randy, I searched for a subset of problems related to ages at birth and marriage.

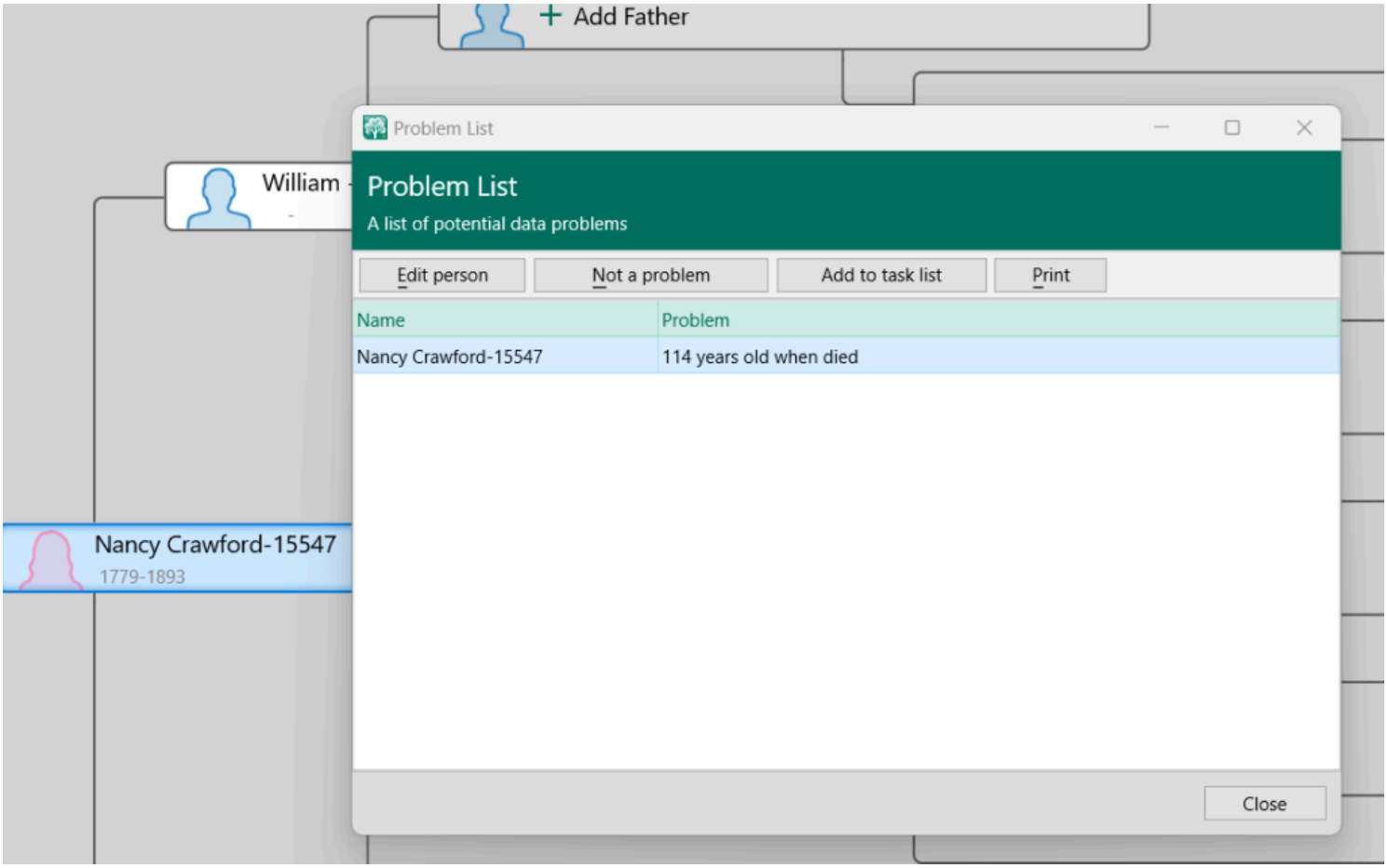

Problem Search
Problem Options
Include?
Everyone
Check all
Uncheck all
Select the problems to search for
No sex
Person with no sex entered
Event order
Proper order of events for person
Parent's marriage
Born before parent's marriage
Born before parents
Born before parent's birth
Father's death
Born after father's death
Mother's death
Born after mother's death
Missing given
Person is missing primary given name(s)
Missing surname
Person is missing a primary surname
Missing given (alt)
Person is missing alternate given name(s)
Missing surname (alt)
Person is missing an alternate surname
Burial after death
Buried more than X days after death...
30
Age at death
Age at death should be less than...
110
Age at marriage
Age at marriage should be between...
min
12
max
90
Father's age
Father's age should be between...
min
14
max
70
Mother's age
Mother's age should be between...
min
12
max
55
OK
Cancel

That search resulted in a fairly long list of errors. Because I would rather research than resolve errors. I need a list of these errors to work from. While I could use the TASK feature to add a task to each individual on the list, this doesn't create a list of these people. Thus, I would rather work with a group when possible.

I created a group called "Age at death over 110" using the Saved Criteria type.

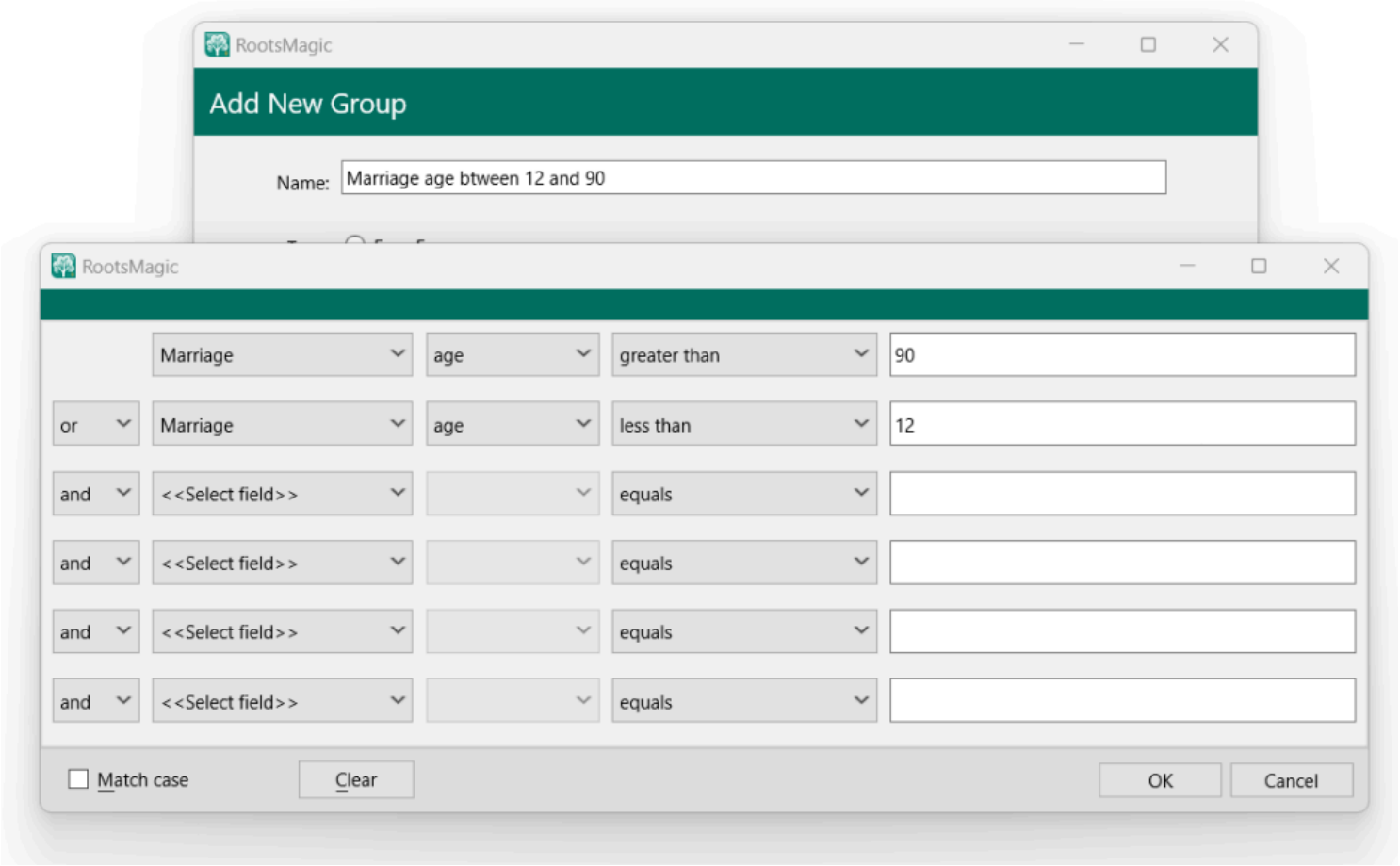


This created a group of 2 people. One person was obviously incorrect and easily corrected. The other person, Nancy Crawford (1779-1893) is likely incorrect but the dates match what is on FamilySearch. If I go to Nancy in my file and click on the red exclamation mark, I can indicate that this is not a problem.

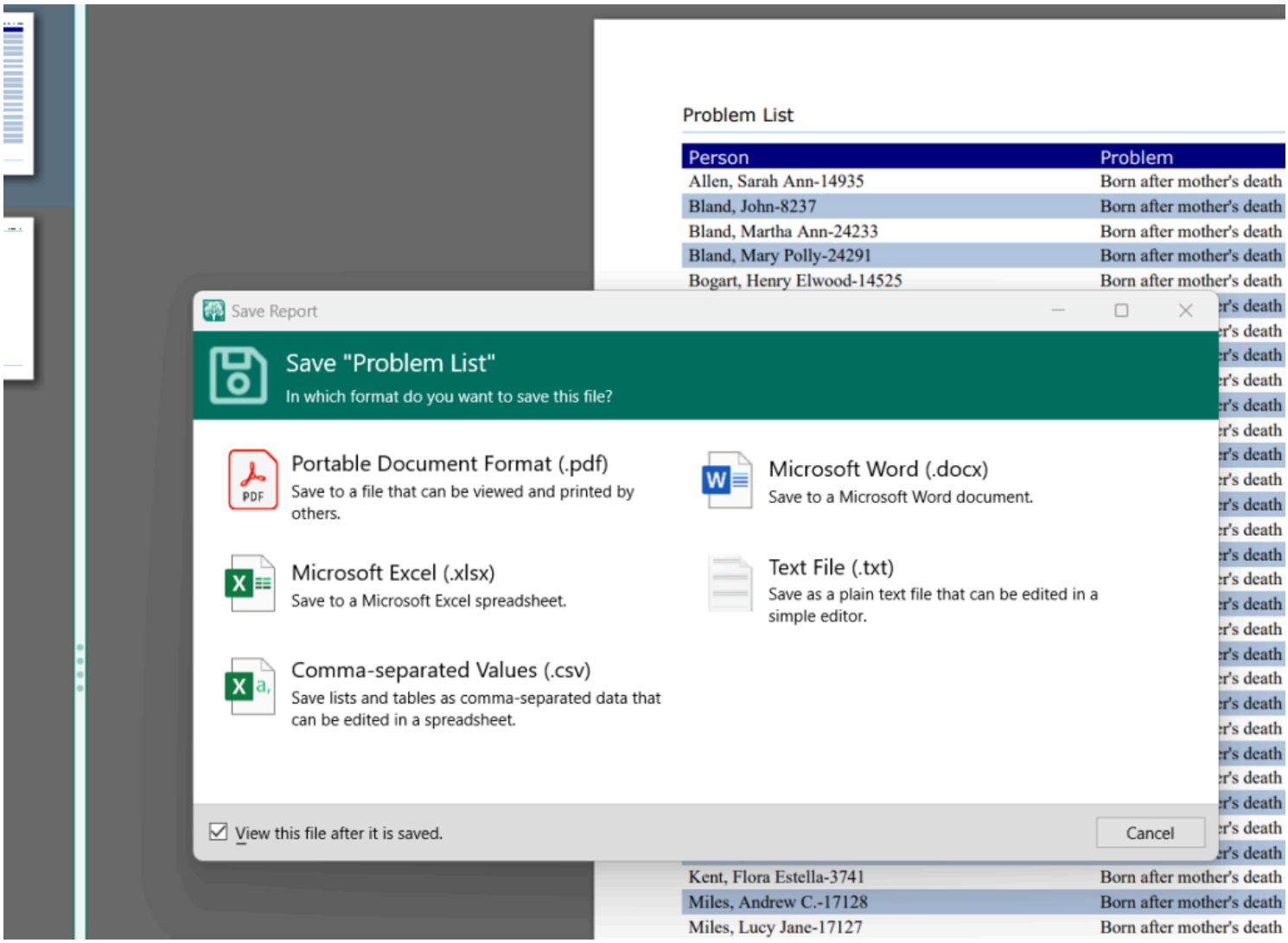


While that is an option, another option is to leave the person on the problem list until further information is found. For now, I'm going to leave Nancy alone until I have the time to adequately research her.

For the marriage age, I created a similar group.



Since I haven't figured out how to create a group for 'born after mother's death', I will have to work thru those errors from the problem list. To have a list to work with, I can 'print' the list to an excel file.


Problem List
Person
Problem
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Born after mother's death
Bland, John-8237
Born after mother's death
Bland, Martha Ann-24233
Born after mother's death
Bland, Mary Polly-24291
Born after mother's death
Bogart, Henry Elwood-14525
Born after mother's death
Kent, Flora Estella-3741
Born after mother's death
Miles, Andrew C.-17128
Born after mother's death
Miles, Lucy Jane-17127
Born after mother's death
Save Report
Save "Problem List"
In which format do you want to save this file?
Portable Document Format (.pdf)
Save to a file that can be viewed and printed by others.
Microsoft Word (.docx)
Save to a Microsoft Word document.
Microsoft Excel (.xlsx)
Save to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.
Text File (.txt)
Save as a plain text file that can be edited in a simple editor.
Comma-separated Values (.csv)
Save lists and tables as comma-separated data that can be edited in a spreadsheet.
View this file after it is saved.
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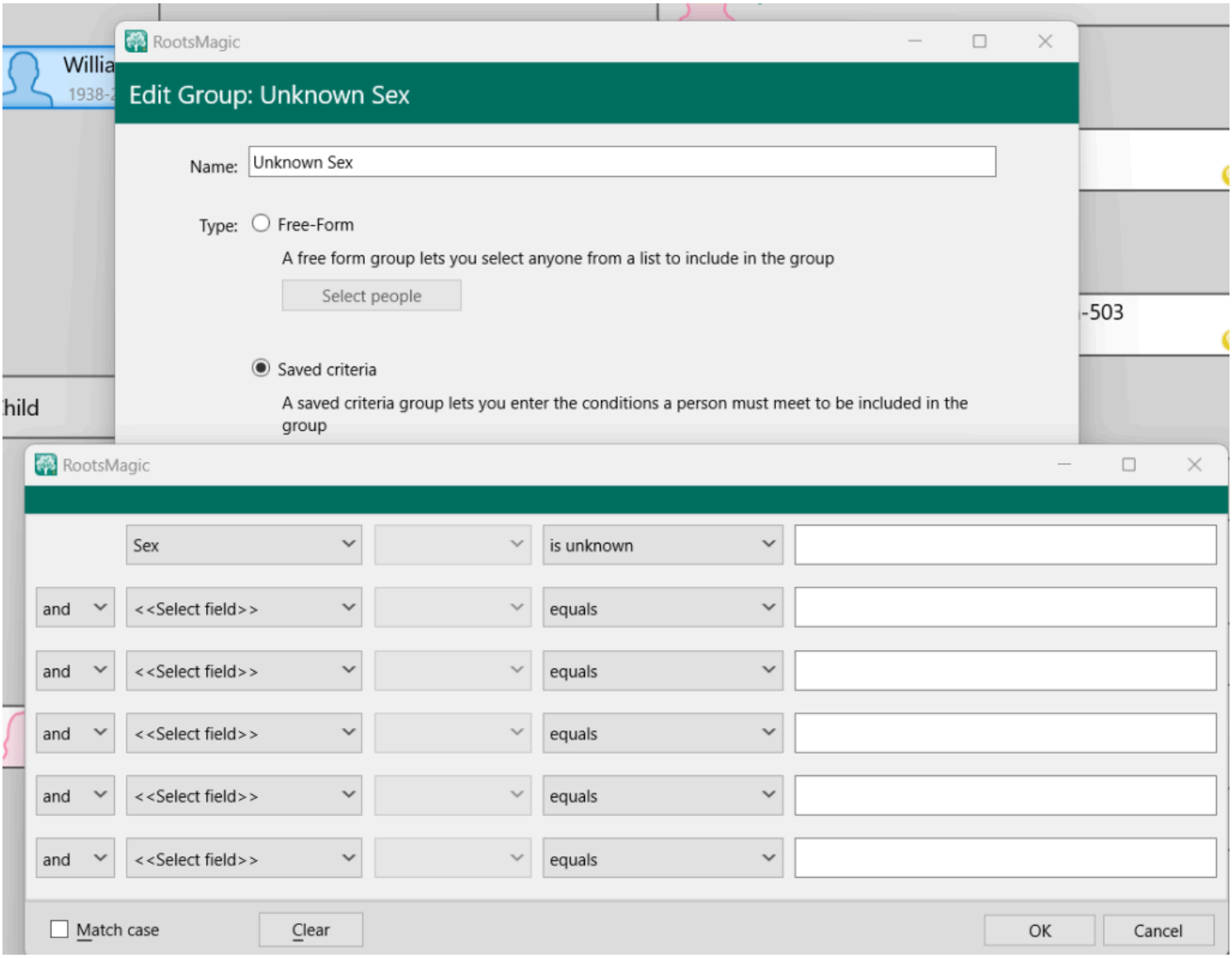
While I have quite a few of these problems, the most prevalent problem in my file is ‘unknown sex’. That’s because I often forget to check that field. Thus, I created another group.



Now, that I have these problems identified, I need to spend the time getting at least some of them corrected.

Cladogram

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 29, 2024
Crawford,yDNA

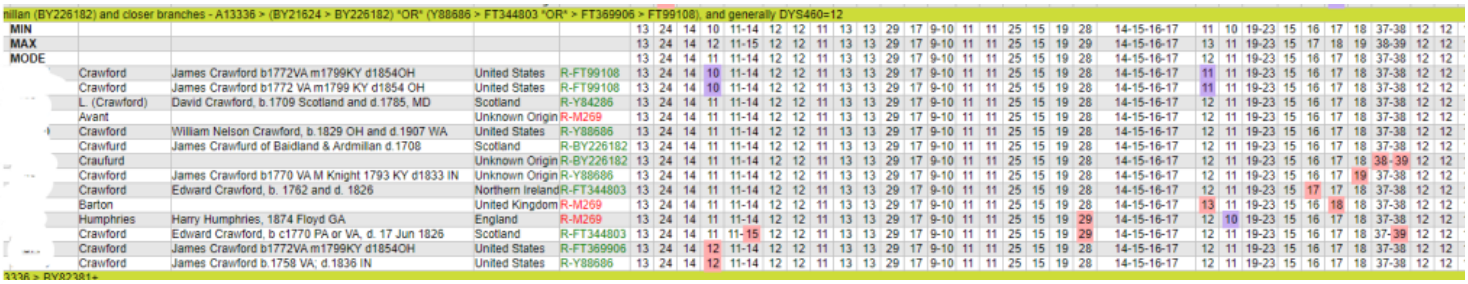
Have you taken a genealogy class or participated in an institute? In my early years of researching my family, I had the opportunity to take a class by mail from the National Genealogical Society. That class helped me learn about the types of records used in research.

Now, I'm taking another class. This online class is about yDNA. I've been watching the free webinars by Diahann Southard and decided to take the plunge and enroll in the yDNA class offered by Your DNA Guide. Again I'm thankful for this opportunity and am learning lots about yDNA.

While I understand the concepts shared in the class, I'm struggling to apply them to my CRAWFORD genealogy. Basically,

I'm CONFUSED

My first step at analyzing my yDNA data was to create a Cladogram for 37 markers. Since the Crawford project is organized by genetics, it was very easy to locate the data for the R1b-01A Admillan group.



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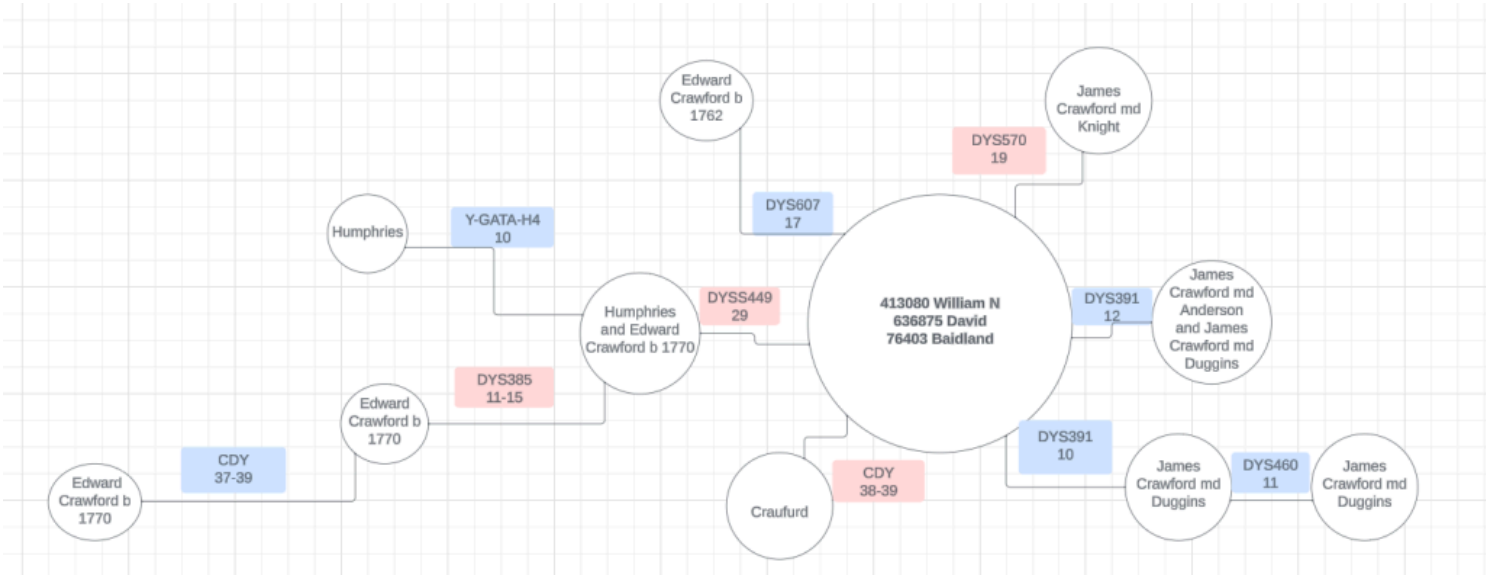
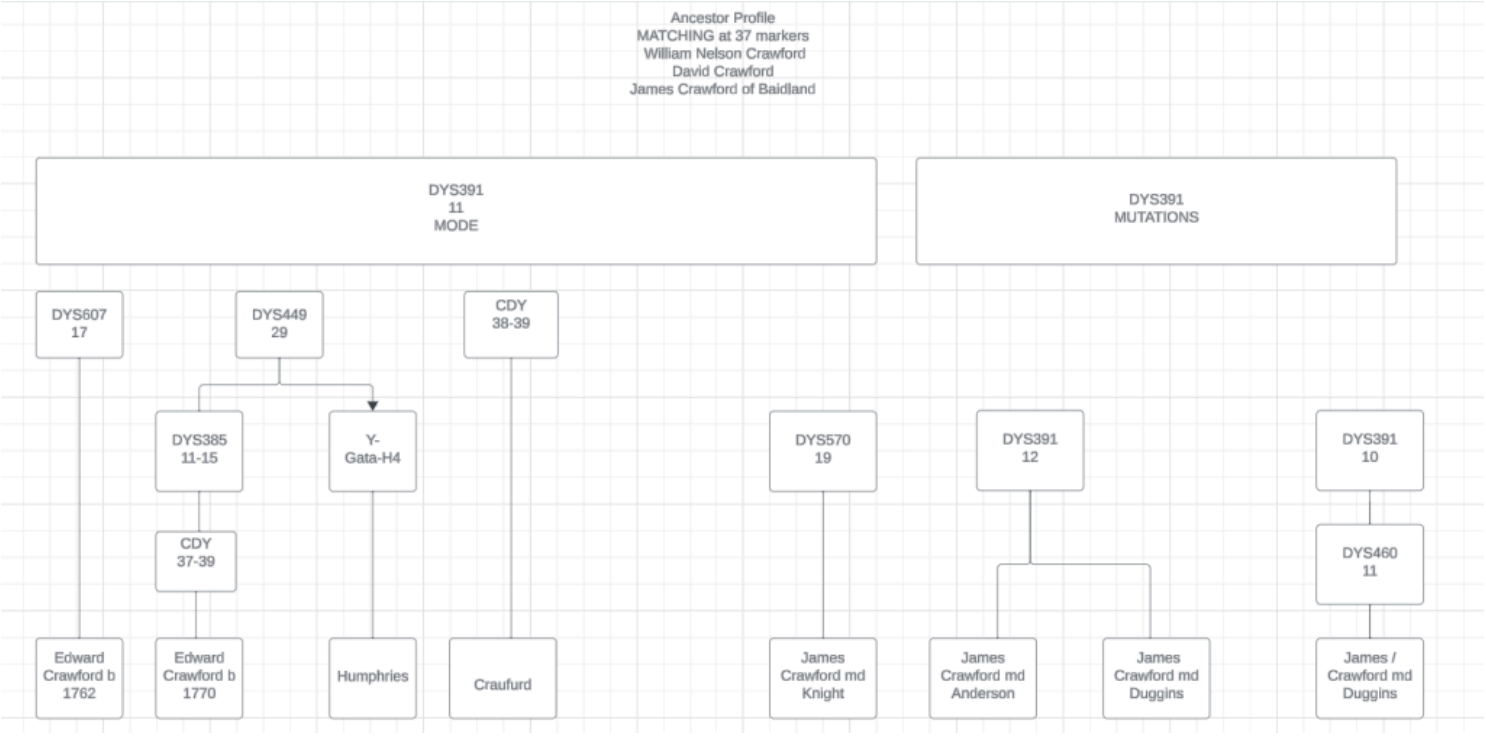
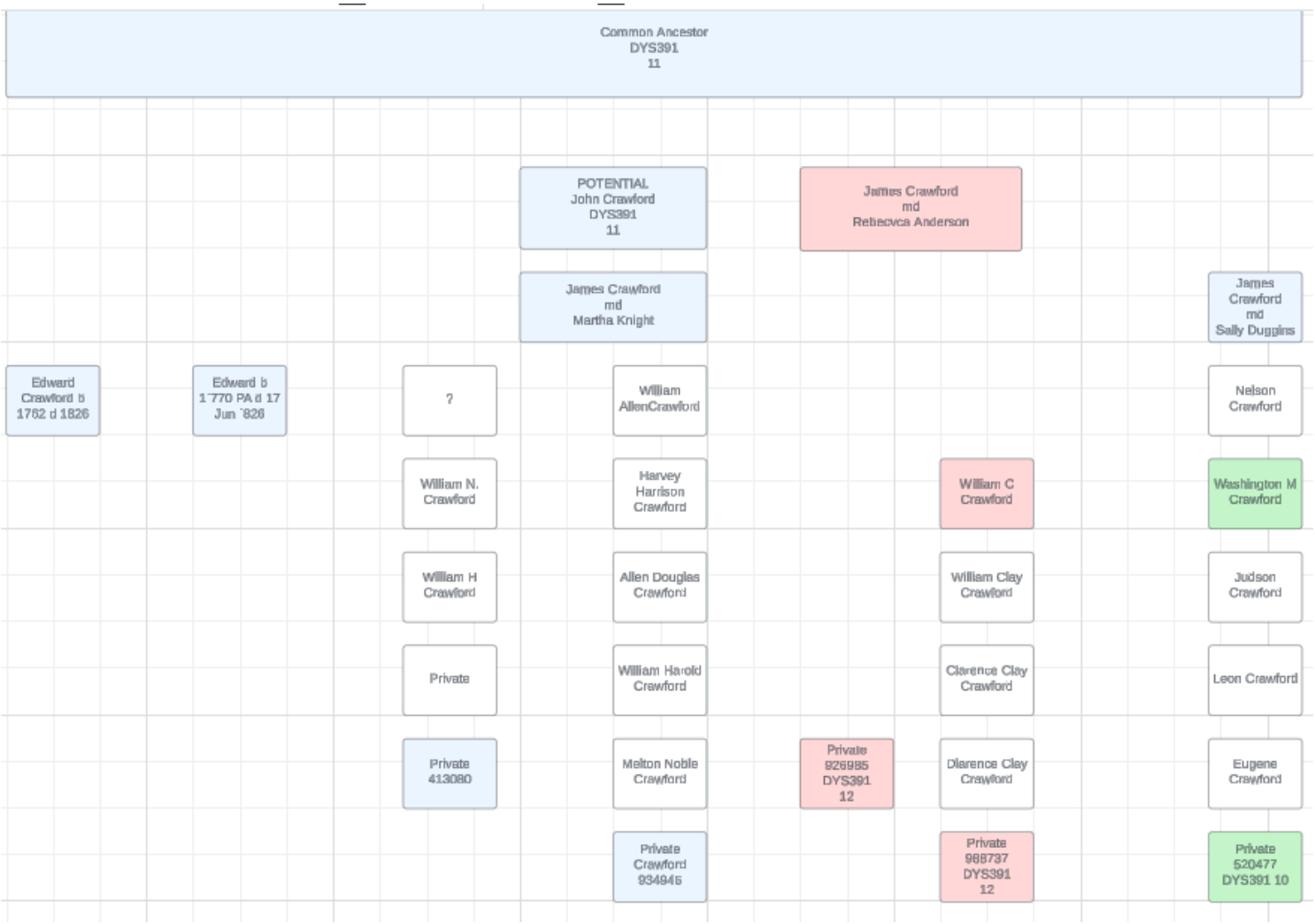


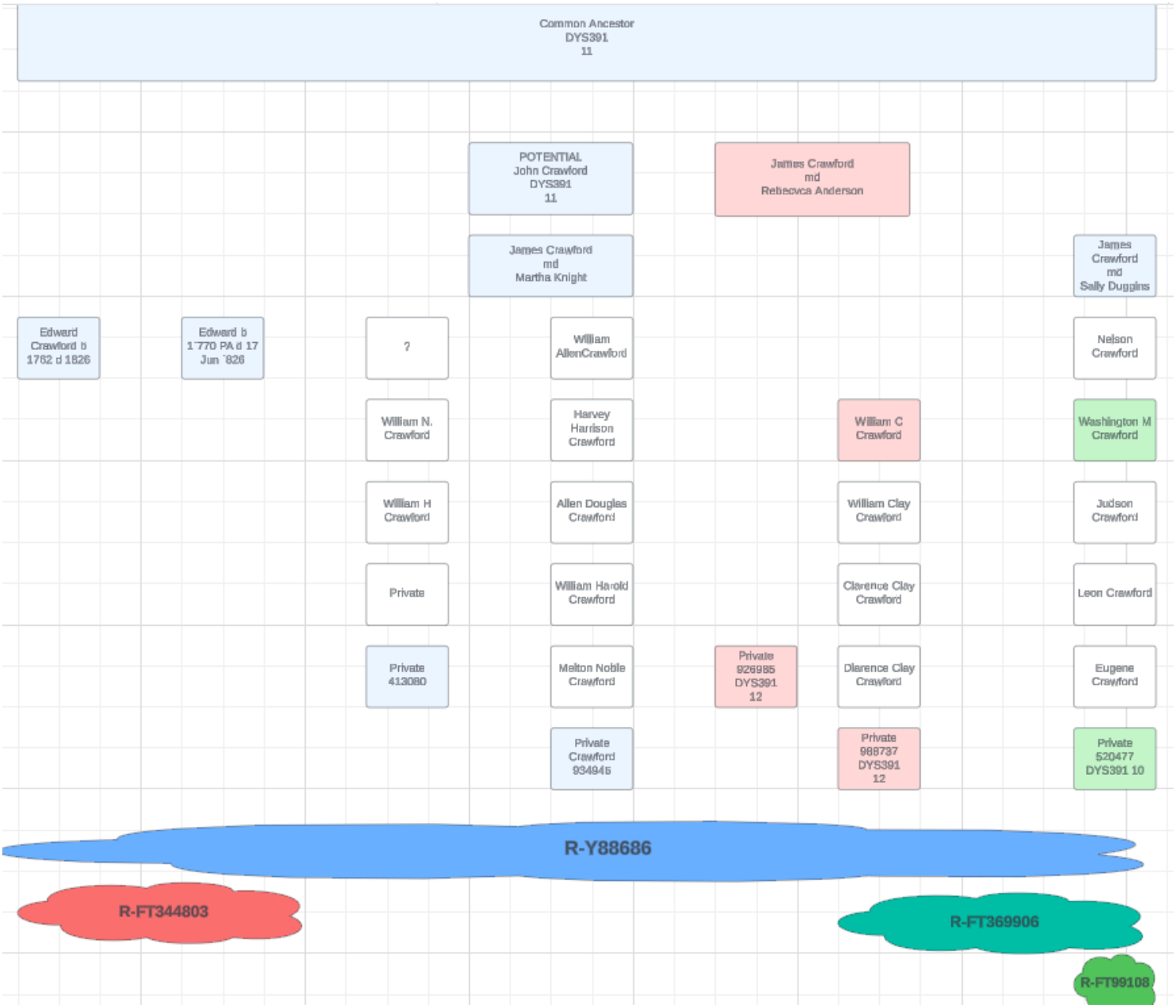
Then I rearranged the data into a 'tree' format using the DYS391 marker as an organizational starting point.



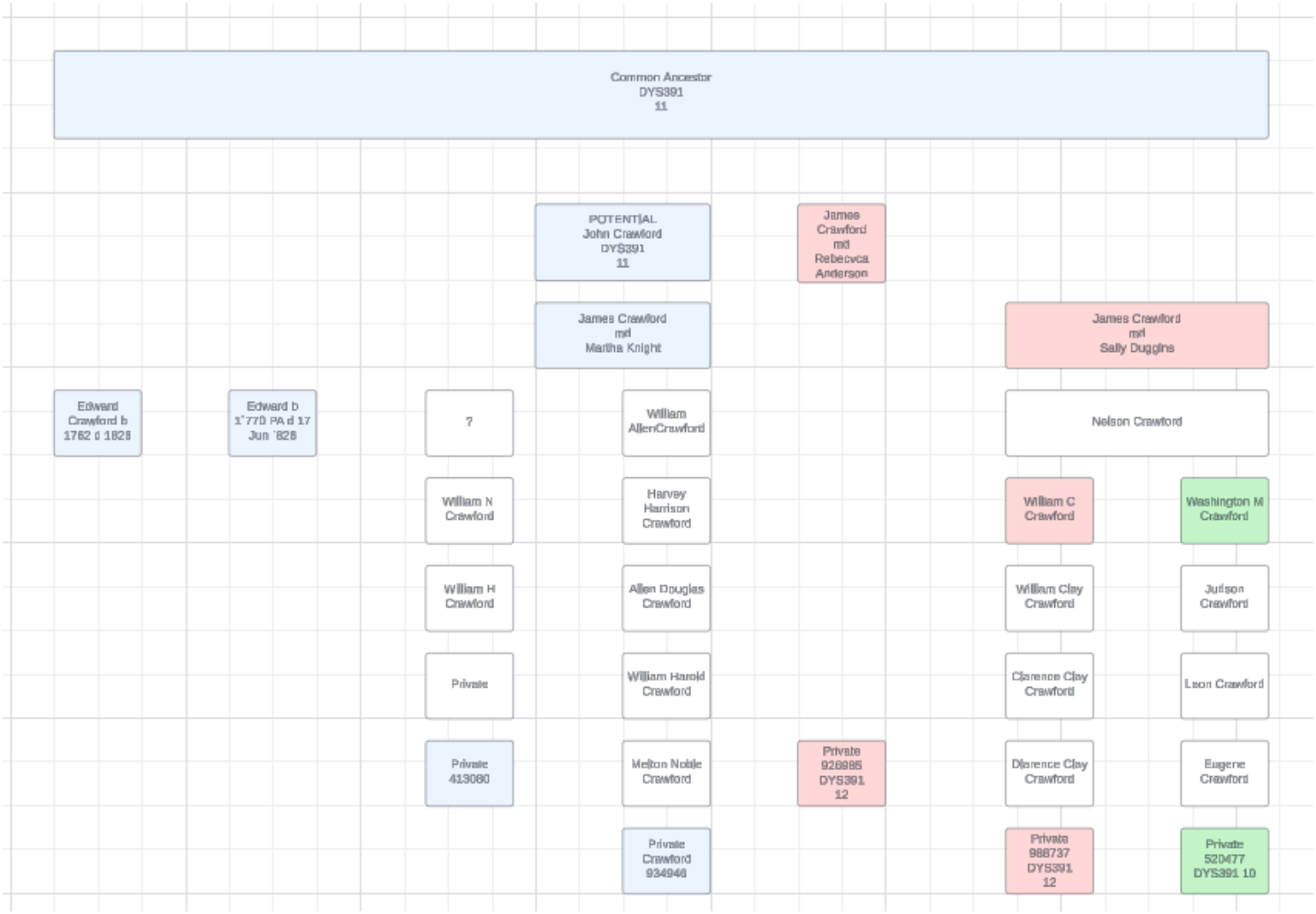
The next step is to put this data onto the actual tree and push the values up. Using the guidance that a genetic mutation only happens once in a tree, my section of the Crawford tree might look as follows:



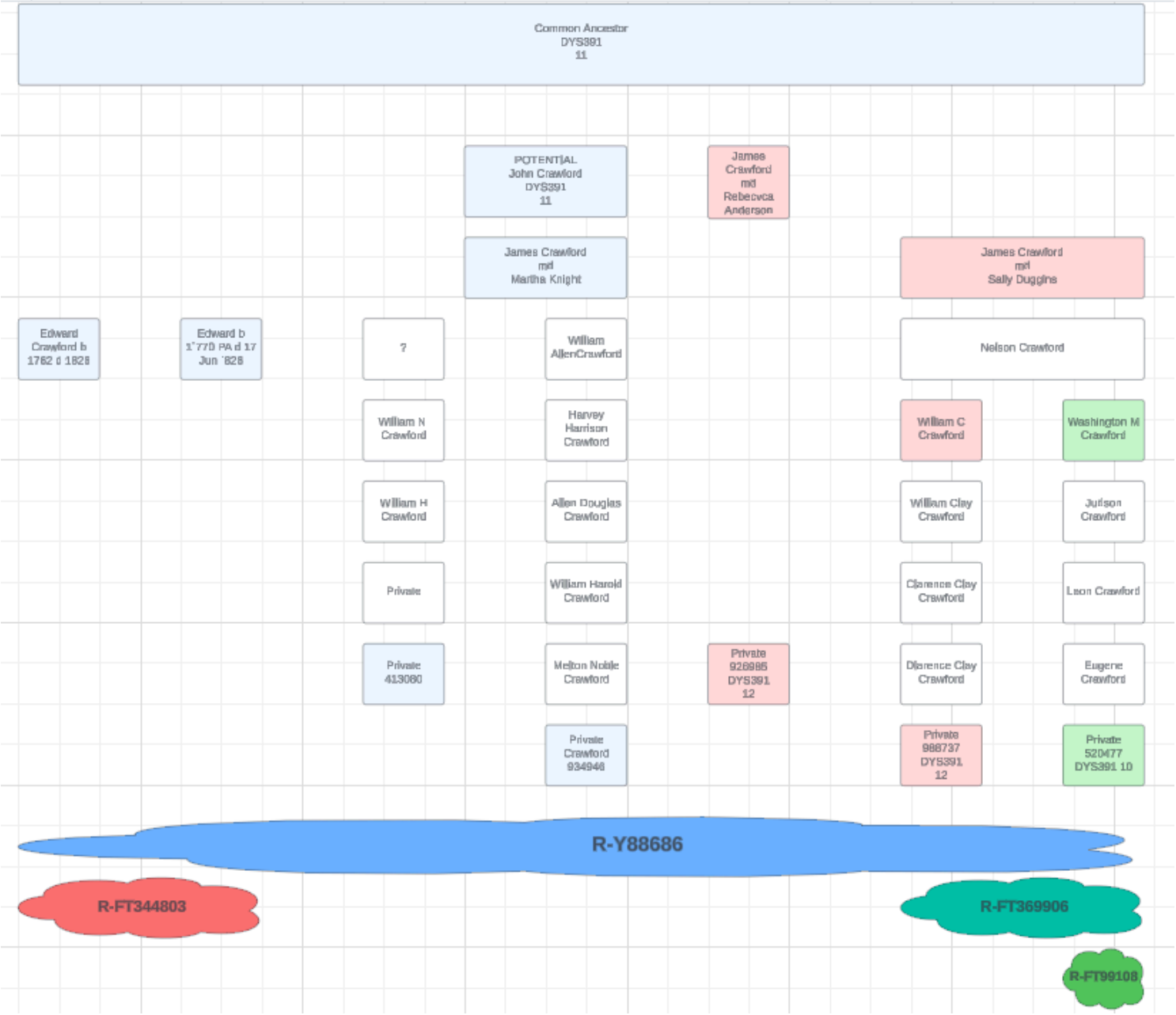
However, paper genealogy does not support William C's line descending from James and Rebecca Crawford. If I add the BigY haplogroups to the pedigree, they also suggest a potentially different placement for William C.



Paper genealogy has confirmed that William C Crawford descends from James and Sally (Smith Duggins) Crawford. If William C is moved to that place on the pedigree and his pink value of 12 is pushed up to James, the pedigree would look as follows.

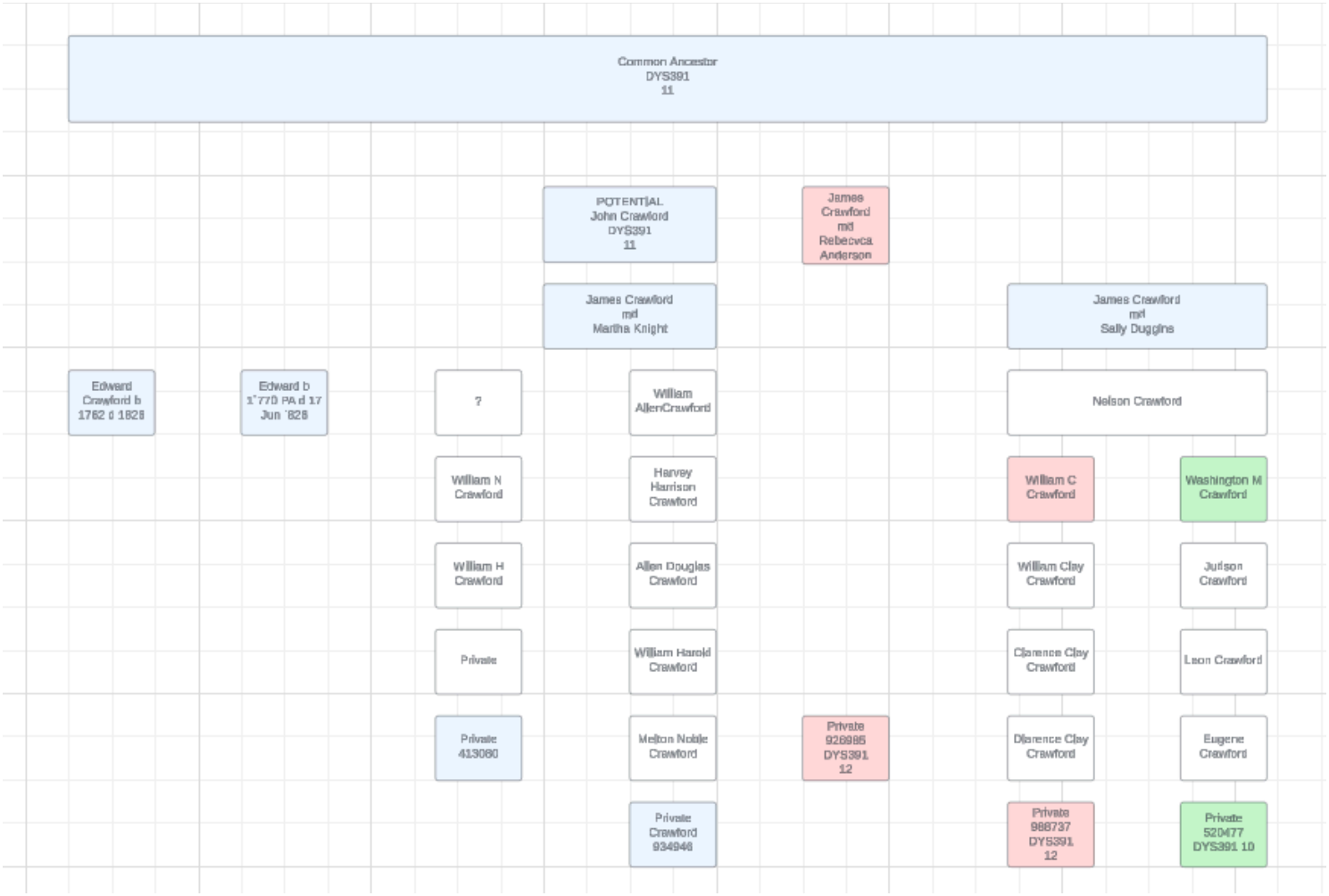


The BigY Haplogroups support this arrangement of the pedigree.

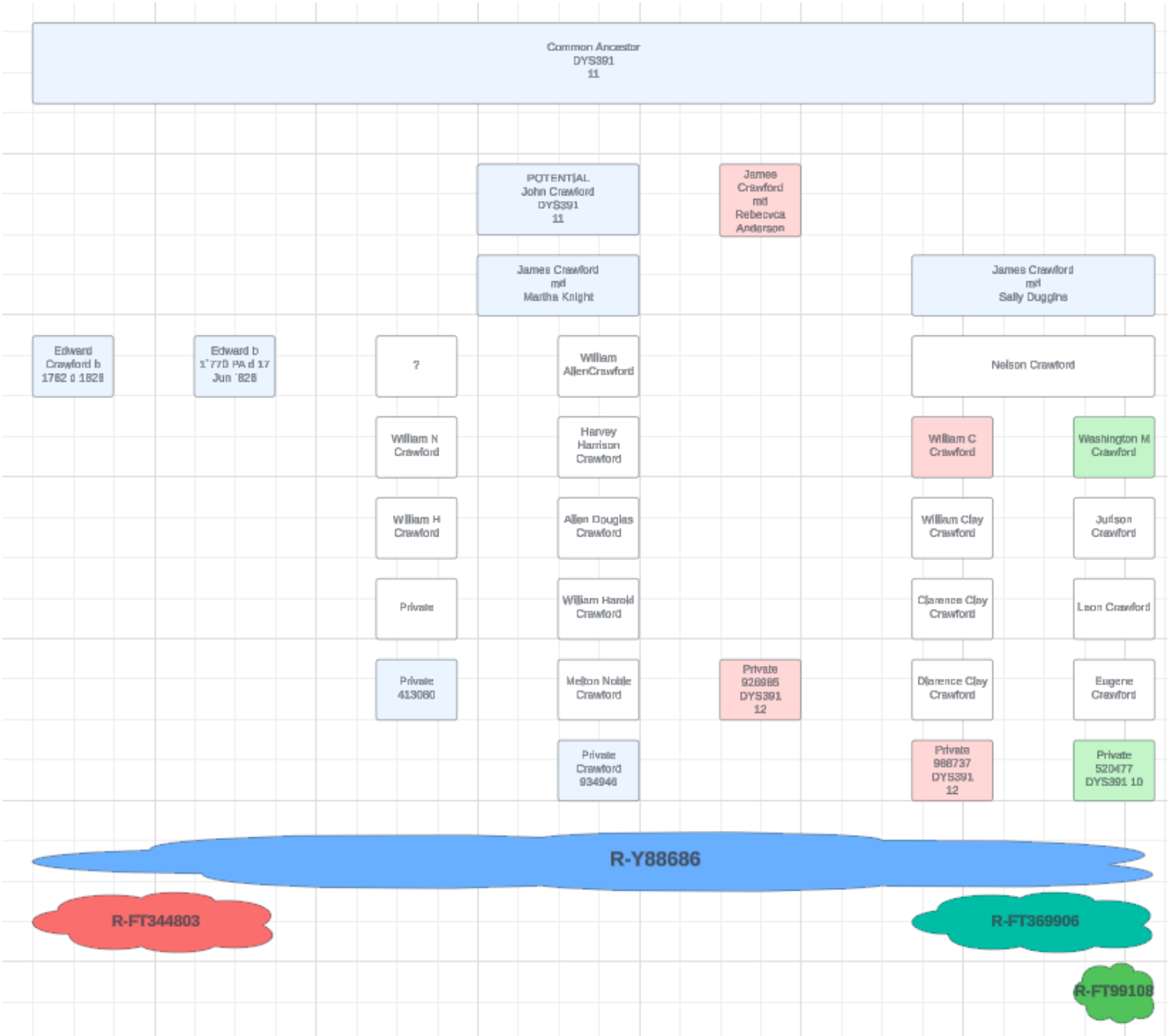


The pink boxes in the above diagram represent the DYS391 value of 12. The green box (my line) represents the DYS391 value of 10. The remaining lines (light blue) have a DYS391 value of 11. If the pink value for William C Crawford (toward the right side of the chart) is pushed up making James Crawford have a DYS391 value of 12, then how does one explain the DYS391 value of 10 for Washington M. Crawford (shaded lightgreen)?

Another possible scenario is for the James married to Sally to have the common ancestor's DYS391 value of 11. If James Crawford (wife Sally Duggins) has a DYS391 value of 11, then it is possible that grandsons William C and Washington M both received mutations. In this scenario, William C's DYS391 value would have increased by one to 12. And Washington M's DYS391 value would have decreased by one to 10.



When the BigY haplogroups are added to the above pedigree, they again support this arrangment of the tree.



However, the above placement of the family shows a mutation of the DYS391 value from 11 to 12 at two different locations in the tree. This goes against the guidance that a genetic mutation only happens once in a tree.

Thus, my confusion!

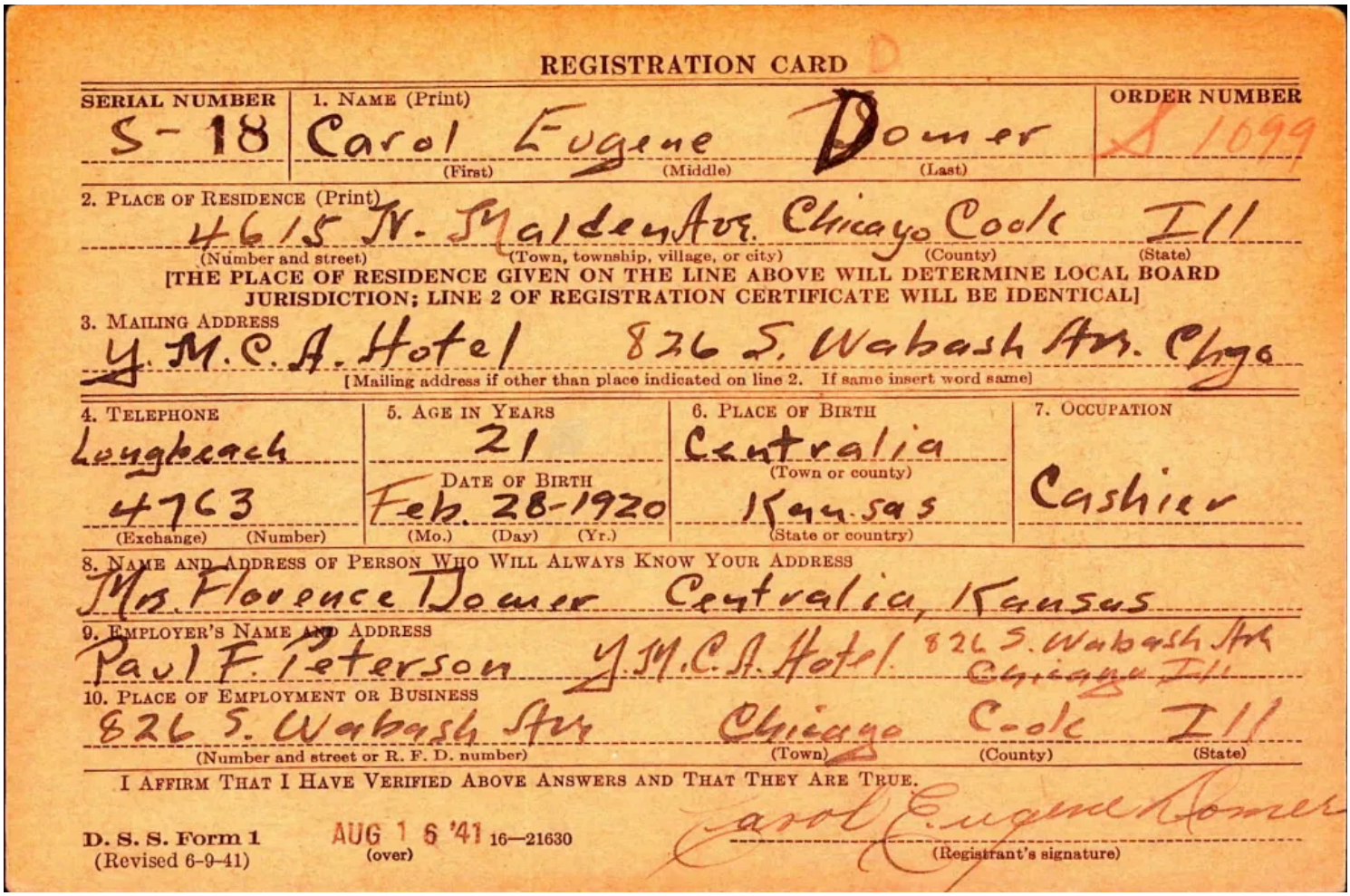
While I may be confused about the DYS391 mutation in the tree, the BigY haplogrouping supports a relationship between my James Crawford line and the other two James Crawford lines. Thus, the quest continues to find that common ancestor.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 30, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Carol Eugene Domer

Carol Domer registered for the young men's draft in 1941.



REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER: S-18 | 1. NAME (Print): Carol (First) Eugene (Middle) Domer (Last) | ORDER NUMBER: A 1099

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print): 4615 N. Malden Ave. (Number and street) Chicago (Town, township, village, or city) Cook (County) Ill (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS: Y.M.C.A. Hotel 826 S. Wabash Ave. Chgo
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH	7. OCCUPATION
Longbeach 4763 (Exchange) (Number)	21	Centralia (Town or county) Kansas (State or country)	Cashier
	DATE OF BIRTH: Feb. 28-1920 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mrs. Florence Domer Centralia, Kansas

9. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Paul F. Peterson Y.M.C.A. Hotel 826 S. Wabash Ave Chicago Ill

10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: 826 S. Wabash Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) Chicago (Town) Cook (County) Ill (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Carol Eugene Domer (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-9-41) AUG 16 '41 (over) 16—21630

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2 April 1942
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News of Men in Service

Carol Domer, Centralia soldier, has been transferred from Lowry Field, Denver, to Barksdale Field, near Shreveport, La. He is in the air corps.

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25 Jan 1943
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A Centralia Boy Killed

Believed Serving as Bobardier in the SOuthwest Pacific
(Centralia Correspondent)

For the third time Centralia has been struck by the tragedy of this war. Robin R. DOmer received word Saturday that his brother, Carol Eugene Domer, had been killed in action in defense of his country.
…
The telegram stating that Carol had been killed was sent from Washington Saturday to Robin R. Domer, by Adjutant-General Ulio. It read: The Secretary of War desires me to express deep sympathy in loss of your brother, Carol Domer was killed in action in defense of his country in Southwest Pacific area. Letter follows."
Carol Eugene Domer was called in selective Service in October, 1941, was honorably discharged about a week later to enlist in the air corps. He started his training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo, from there went to Lowry Field, Colo. where he graduated from the air corps Technical School. He then continued his training as a bombardier in the Bomber squadron at Barksdale, La., with a short while at south Carolina. His next station as Willow Run, Mich. Then he was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii for quite a while and as far as is known was sent to Australia and as far as the brother and mother know, was still serving as a bombardier.
He was born February 28, 1920 at the Domer farm 2 3/4 miles southeast of Centralia. His mother passed away when he was three years of age. Mrs. Florence Gaston became the wife of his father, Robin R. Domer, Sr., when he was four years old and was a mother to him from then on. His father died in 1938.
Carole received his schooling in the Centralia school, graduating from high school in 1938. He attended and graduated form Chillicothe Business College, went to Chicago and was in the auditing department as assistant when he went into the service for his country. He was a member of the Congregational church of Centralia and until he left was active in the Sunday School. He leaves one brother, Robin R. Domer, who is in the First National Bank of Centralia, an uncle, Estey Domer of Mayetta, and an aunt Mrs. Florence Shoemaker of Vermillion.

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11 Feb 1943
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Centralia

A Memorial Service Sunday

Will Honor Carol Domer,
Killed in Action

There will be a memorial service Sunday morning at 11:00 at the Congregational church in memory of Carol Domer, Centralia soldier who was killed in action.
The program will include the prelude, "Meditation," by Morrison; Processional, "Faith of Our Fathers," Invocation by Rev. T. C. Cocks; the choir response, "Hear Our Prayer," Responsive Reading, Rev. C. Z. Allsbury; anthem, "There is No Death," by O'Hara with Miss Lela Brown as soloist.
Rev. t. K. Bosworth, Doulgass, Kansas, former pastor here, will have the topic, "From Boyhood to Manhood" followed by the hymn, "No Shadows Yonder." b. L. Lohmuller will give "What a Patriot's Life means tot he State." This will be followed by the anthem, "Recessional," by DeKeven, with Miss Elizabeth Brigham ha soloist.
"The Value of a Patriot to the Community," will be the topic of Rev Allsbury, followed by the hymn, "My Jesus As Thou Wilt" Rev. t. C. Cocks will discuss, "The Loss of a Patriot's Passing," The Hymn, "Crossing the bar," by Tennyson will be followed by the benediction given by Rev. Cocks, and the sounding of taps.

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Official messages which the family has received include the following sent to Carol's brother, who was listed as the person to whom notices were to be sent.

From the Chief of Staff of the War Department
2 Feb 1943
Robin C. Domer,
Centralia, Kansas.
I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy on the death of your brother who was killed in action. Carol. E. Domer was a gallant soldier of the United States army whose name is now indelibly recorded on the rolls of our nation's honored dead. As time passes, I hope that you will derive some consolation in the realization that your brother gave his life that others might live as free men. Again my deepest sympathy to you and to other members of the family. Faithfully yours, gen. George Marshall, chief of staff.

Robing R. Domer
Centralia, Kan.
It is with profound regret that I inform you that your brother, Sergeant Carol E. Domer, air corps, died on January 1, 1943 in the southwest Pacific area. This confirms my recent telegram to you announcing his death.
The official casualty report states that your brother was killed in action in defense of his country. The date and place of burial and other particulars are not given. Casualty reports contain few details. They are of necessity meager as the circumstances and pressure under which forces operate during warfare do not permit the collection and reporting of full details of a casualty. In the event additional information is received, you will be notified promptly. I extend my deepest sympathy.

J. A. Ulio
Adjutant General

Lost Flier's Mother
At Centralia, Mrs. Florence Domer, who is the step-mother of Carol Domer, rearing him as her own son, from the time he was four years of age, keeps a little poem pinned up and draws comfort form it. The poem "Lost Flier's Mother," is by Frances Eleanor Schluneger and appeared in the Kansas City Poetry magazine.
I hold your message close to my,
my son
Long days you had been lost and
still I walked
Among my friends as I have always done
And helped at little tasks and smiled and talked
They said, "She does not mourn her son at all,
Who has been dead, no doubt, long days at sea!"
How could they know my Faith, serene and tall,
Had touched god's hand, petitioning, and He
Had smiled, remembering your was, and spread
His swift protecting fingers on your head.

Courier Tribune
4 Mar 1943
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War Hits town Hard
…
Centralia has been hit repeatedly. Carol Domer, air service, was killed in action. George Guilford, serving with the merchant marine, is missing in action. Orville Edman was listed as missing for a yer, now is reported as a prisoner of the Japanese governemnt on the Philippine Islands.

Courier Tribune
26 April 1943
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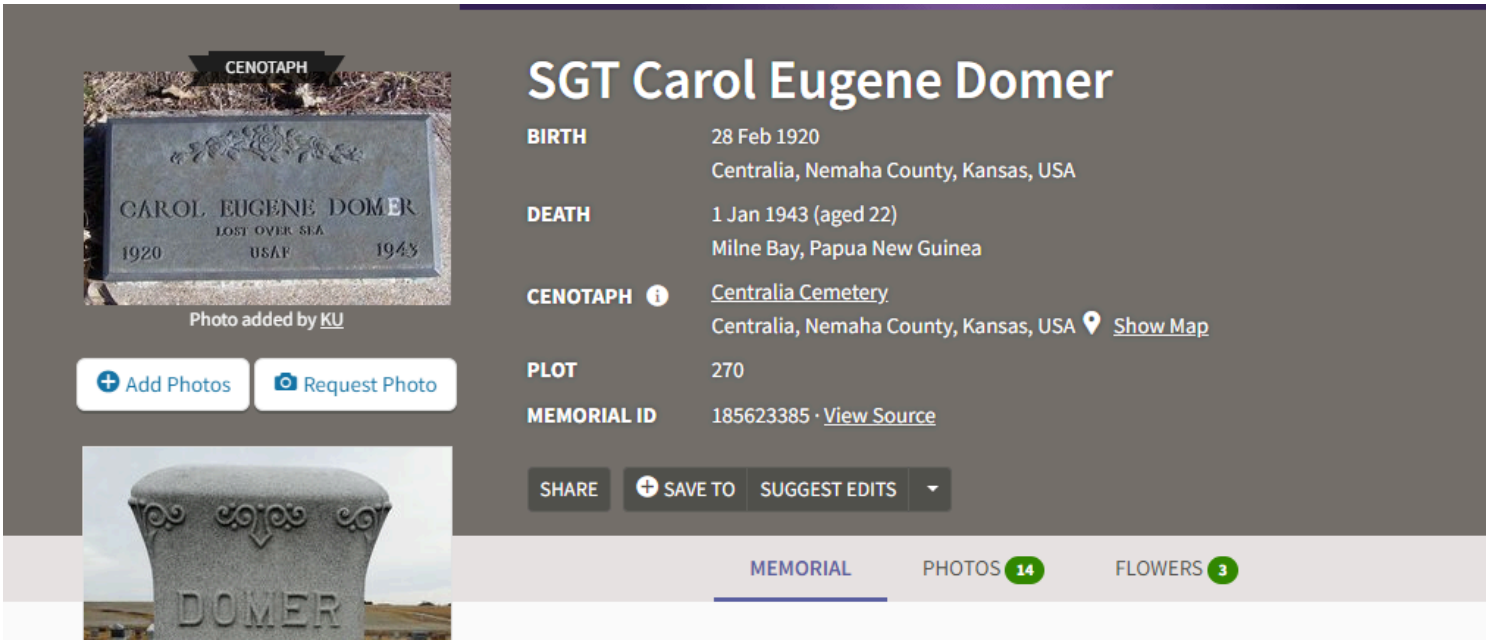
Probate Court Proceedings
The will of Carol Eugene Domer, who lost his life in the South Pacific area has been admitted to probate by petition of Robin R. Domer, a brother and sole heir-at-law. It consists of $5,000 in real estate, $8,000 in personal property. Robin R. Domer was named administrator. Inventory was filed and approved. There was an order of distribution.

Carol Domer's family placed a tombstone for him in the Centralia, Kansas cemetery.



Carol Domer lost his life when the plane he was in went down near the Philippines. His name is included on the memorial in the Manilla American Cemetery and Memorial. His Find a Grave record for this memorial contains details about his last mission.

Carol served as a Sergeant & Tail Gunner on B-24D #41-23752, 319th Bomber Squadron, 90th Bomber Group, Heavy, U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

Carol normally served with the 320th Bomber Squadron but has assigned to this mission with the 319th.

He resided in De Kalb County, Indiana prior to the war.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on October 14, 1941, prior to the war, at Camp Grant, Illinois. He was noted, at the time of his enlistment, as being employed as a Bookkeeper and/or cashier and also as Single, without dependents.

B-24D #41-23752 took off, with a crew of 9, from 7 Mile Drome, Central Province, Papua New Guinea on a bombing mission over Vunakanau Airfield, near Rabaul, East New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea.

After a successful bombing run, and while returning to their base, multiple engines began to start having problems and they finally had to ditch near Kawa Island, Mine Bay Province, Papua New Guinea.

Carol, who had been killed in the ditching, was declared **"Missing In Action"** and went down with the B-24 into the sea.

He was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

Service # 36300581

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Airmen who perished on B-24D #41-23752:

Diggs, Frederick T ~ S/Sgt, Waist Gunner, TN
Domer, Carol E ~ Sgt, Tail Gunner, IN

The rest of the crew survived the ditching and were rescued.

(Bio & Crew Report by: Russ Pickett)

Sgt. Carol Eugene Domer, Find a Grave, memorial ID 56759933;
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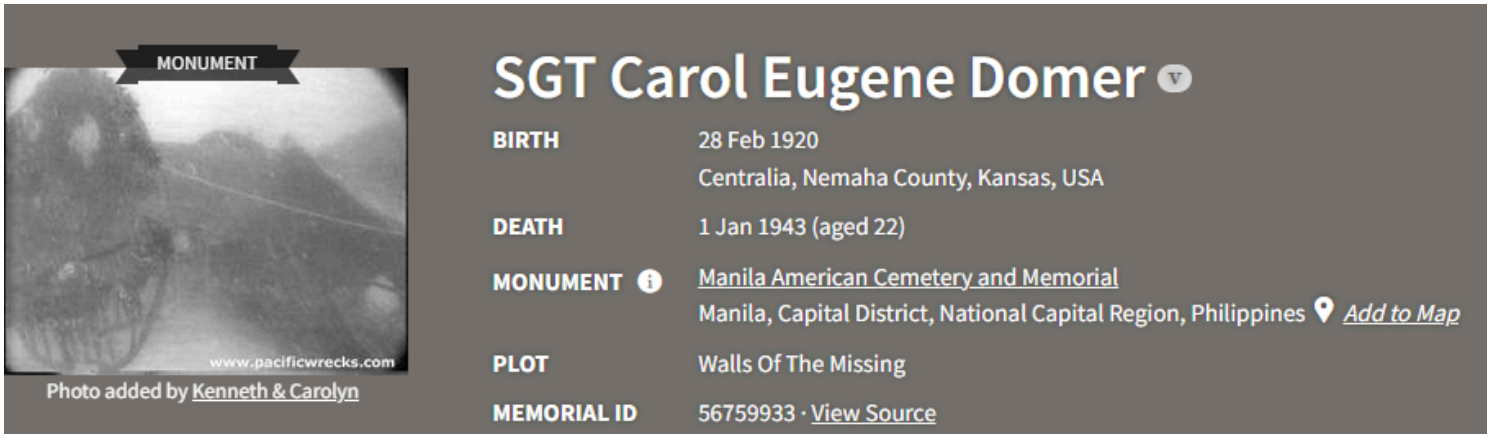

One Thought Questions

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
January 31, 2024
Crawford,Texas

Do you ever research a family line that you are NOT related to? Well, I often do. Sometimes I research members of a FAN club so that I can learn more about my family in a specific time and place. At other times, they share time place and a surname.

Some may refer to this type of research as creating 'Quick and Dirty Trees'.

- What Is a Quick and Dirty Tree?
- How to Build Quick and Dirty Trees
- Quick and Dirty Branch of Your Tree (GenealogyTV video)
- The Matching Tree Method: Building Quick and Dirty Trees (Blain Bettinger video)
- How Accurate Is a Quick and Dirty Tree? (Genea-Musings)

While I tend to build out my tree, I've never thought of it as 'quick and dirty'. That is primarily because I tend to document that branch of my tree as I research it. Thus, it isn't quick. Nor, would I consider it 'dirty'. While documented, I have not tried to find every possible record for an individual or family in that branch of my tree. Thus it isn't up to the Genealogical Proof Standards.

My current research project is one of those branches. I am researching the descendants of Alexander Crawford and his wife Margaret McElwee. Alexander and Margaret were married in 1788 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. While Lincoln county covered a large portion of Kentucky at that time, I'm hoping that Alexander lived near and is related to one of the James Crawford families found in the area at that time. With a yDNA test in progress to a probable descendant of Alexander, I'm trying to build out Alexander's tree to locate other potential cousins to test.

That resarch led me to John Carroll Crawford Jr, probable son of John Crawford and Elizabeth Adams and thus a grandson of Alexander. John Carroll Crawford migrated from Kentucky to Bexar county Texas sometime after the Battle of the Alamo and before 1849. In December 1849, John C. Crawford was married to Maria Josefa De La Garza in Bexar county, Texas.

Maria gave birth to eleven children before her death in 1871. My post, Wife's Will, is about Maria's will where she left property to her husband and children. At the time of her death, her oldest child would have been 21 while her youngest child would have been Maria Guadalupe Crawford who was christened on 12 April 1871 a few weeks after Maria's death.

And of course one of my readers would pick up on the fact that I haven't researched every aspect of Maria's life and death. Randy Seaver of Genea-Musings posted the following comment.

One thought on “Wife’s Will”

Randy Seaver

Nice finds. did her husband marry again? Were her children of age or minors? Was there an inventory or distribution?

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JANUARY 25, 2024 AT 9:12 PM EDIT REPLY

I can answer two of his questions. No, John C. Crawford did not remarry. In terms of the chldren, one son, John Carroll Garza Crawford would have turned 21 in 1871 while the remaining children would have been minors. However, I have not searched for an inventory or distribution. I likely won’t dig into the county court records to locate information regarding the property, inventory and/or distribution since this is my version of ‘quick and dirty’ research.

Below is what I’ve learned about the family of John Carroll Crawford and his wife Josefa.

John Carroll Crawford Jr. was born in 1824 in Mount Vernon, Rockcastle, Kentucky, United States. [1]

In 1850–1852 he was a Sheriff in Bexar, Texas, United States. [2–3]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1850. [4]

John owned in 1850 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [5]

He was the father of John Carroll Garza Crawford who was born on 29 Dec 1850 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [6–7]

He was the father of Alexander Emilio Crawford who was born on 8 Aug 1852 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [8]

John was the father of Charles K Crawford who was born in May 1854 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [9–10]

He was the father of Elizabeth Crawford who was born on 12 Sep 1856 in Texas, United States. [2,11–12]

He was the father of Maria Octavia Crawford who was born on 8 Oct 1859 in Texas, United States. [2,13–15]

John lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

He was the father of Agnes Susan Crawford who was born on 24 May 1868 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [17–18]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

John lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1880. [20]

He lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [2]

He died on 24 May 1901 at the age of 77. [1,3]

John was buried on 25 May 1901 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [1,21]

John Carroll Crawford Jr. and Maria Josefa De La Garza were married on 10 Dec 1849 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [22]

Maria Josefa De La Garza was born on 20 Feb 1832 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [23]

She lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1850. [2]

She was the mother of Alexander Emilio Crawford who was born on 8 Aug 1852 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [8]

Maria was the mother of Charles K Crawford who was born in May 1854 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [9–10]

She was the mother of Elizabeth Crawford who was born on 12 Sep 1856 in Texas, United States. [2,11–12]

She was the mother of Maria Octavia Crawford who was born on 8 Oct 1859 in Texas, United States. [2,13–15]

Maria lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

She was the mother of Agnes Susan Crawford who was born on 24 May 1868 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [17–18]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Maria signed a will on 9 Nov 1870 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [24]

She died on 28 Mar 1871 at the age of 39 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [23–24]

She was a descendant of both Nuevo Leon settlers and the Canary Islanders who settled San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [25]
John Carroll Crawford and Maria Josefa De La Garza had the following children:

11. **John Carroll Garza Crawford** was born on 29 Dec 1850 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [6–7]

He was born on 29 Dec 1852 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [26]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

John lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

About 1870, he was educated at St. Mary's College. [7]

He was the father of Edward Miles Crawford who was born on 25 Nov 1875 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [27]

About 1880 John was a miner in Mexico. [7]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910.

He died on 26 Oct 1911 at the age of 60 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [6–7,28]

John was buried in Oct 1911 at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [6–7]

John Carroll Garza Crawford and Mary Esther Miles were married on 8 Feb 1875 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [29]

Mary Esther Miles was born on 8 Sep 1853 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

She was the mother of Edward Miles Crawford who was born on 25 Nov 1875 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [27]

She was buried in 1933 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas, United States of America.

Mary died on 29 Oct 1933 at the age of 80 in Yorktown, DeWitt, Texas, United States.

12. **Alexander Emilio Crawford** was born on 8 Aug 1852 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [8]

He was baptized on 22 Aug 1852 in Cleveland, Coleman, Texas, United States. [8]

He died in Jun 1860 at the age of 7 in Bexar, Texas, United States.

13. **Charles K Crawford** was born in May 1854 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [9–10]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Charles lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [30]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [31]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1911. [7]

Charles died on 1 Apr 1919 at the age of 64 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [9–10,32]

He was buried on 3 Apr 1919 at San Fernando Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [9–10]

Charles K Crawford and Petra Flores were married on 30 Sep 1886 in Valdez, Texas, United States. [33]

Petra Flores was born on 31 Jan 1860 in Graytown, Wilson, Texas, United States.

She was christened on 20 Feb 1860 in Graytown, Wilson, Texas, United States.

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [30]

Petra lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [31]

She died on 27 Sep 1931 at the age of 71 in Bexar, Texas, United States.

14. **Elizabeth Crawford** was born on 12 Sep 1856 in Texas, United States. [2,11–12]

She was christened on 19 Nov 1856 in Saint Carmen-Catholic, Losoya, Bexar, Texas.

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

Elizabeth lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

She lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [2]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [34]

Elizabeth lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1920. [35]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1930. [36]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1940. [37]

Elizabeth died on 2 Nov 1942 at the age of 86 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [11–12,38]

She was buried at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [11]

15. **Maria Octavia Crawford** was born on 8 Oct 1859 in Texas, United States. [2,13–15]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1860. [16]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Maria was christened on 12 Apr 1871 in Saint Carmen-Catholic, Losoya, Bexar, Texas. [15]

She lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [2]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [39]

Maria lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1920. [35]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1930. [36]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1940. [37]

Maria died on 30 Aug 1941 at the age of 81 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [13–14,40]

She was buried on 31 Aug 1941 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [13–14]

16. **Alexandro Crawford** was born on 20 Mar 1862.

He was christened on 9 Apr 1862 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Alexandro died.

17. **Josephine Crawford** was born on 20 Jun 1864 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [41]

She was christened on 23 Jul 1864 in San Fernando, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Josephine lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1880. [20]

She was the mother of Helen Trueheart who was born on 16 Dec 1889 in Pine Bluff, Jefferson, Arkansas, United States. [42]

She was the mother of Lawrence Garland Trueheart who was born on 25 Jul 1890 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [43]

Josephine was the mother of John Crawford Trueheart who was born on 5 Jun 1892 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [44]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [45]

She was the mother of Margaret Josephine Trueheart who was born on 5 Jan 1902 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [46]

Josephine lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [34]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1920. [47]

She died on 1 Aug 1921 at the age of 57 in Plaza Abaroa, La Paz, Bolivia. [41,48–49]

Josephine was buried on 21 Nov 1921 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [41,49]

Josephine Crawford and Edward Garland Trueheart were married on 31 Dec 1885 in Bexar, Texas, United States. [51]

Edward Garland Trueheart was born on 9 Aug 1859 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

He was christened on 18 Aug 1859 in San Fernando, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

He was the father of Helen Trueheart who was born on 16 Dec 1889 in Pine Bluff, Jefferson, Arkansas, United States. [42]

Edward was the father of Lawrence Garland Trueheart who was born on 25 Jul 1890 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [43]

He was the father of John Crawford Trueheart who was born on 5 Jun 1892 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [44]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [45]

Edward was the father of Margaret Josephine Trueheart who was born on 5 Jan 1902 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [46]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [34]

He was buried in 1949 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

Edward died on 13 Dec 1949 at the age of 90.

18. **Morgan Crawford** was born about 1865 in Texas, United States.

He died.

19. **Nellie Grace Crawford** was born on 4 Sep 1866 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [25,52–54]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [55]

Nellie lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1920. [47]

She died on 1 Jul 1920 at the age of 53 in Kerrville, Kerr, Texas, United States. [25,52–53,56]

She was buried on 2 Jul 1920 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [52–53]

1A. **Agnes Susan Crawford** was born on 24 May 1868 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [17–18]

She was christened on 11 Jan 1869 in San Fernando, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1870. [19]

Agnes lived in Bexar, Texas, United States in 1880. [20]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [57]

She lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [39]

Agnes lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1911. [7]

She died on 2 Jul 1918 at the age of 50 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [17–18,58]

She was buried on 3 Jul 1918 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States. [17–18]

William Eaton Jackson Sr. was born in 1861 in Arkansas, United States.

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1900. [57]

He lived in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States in 1910. [39]

William died in 1935 at the age of 74 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

He was buried in 1935 at City Cemetery #1 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, United States.

1B. **Maria Guadalupe Crawford** was born in Jan 1871 in Losoya, Bexar, Texas, United States.

She was christened on 12 Apr 1871 in Losoya, Bexar, Texas, United States.

She died.

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